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BENGALURU

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ReNew Power to invest ₹50,000 crore in State

BENGALURU

On the second day of the World Economic Forum summit in Davos, the State government on Tuesday signed an agreement with ReNew Power for ₹50,000 crore investment for green hydrogen units, battery storage and other verticals in the renewable energy sector.

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Quad is a 'force for good': Modi

Countries at the summit launch maritime initiative to track 'dark shipping'

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

The Quadrilateral alliance (Quad) is a "force for good", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his opening remarks at its summit in Tokyo on Tuesday. The event witnessed the launch of several initiatives, including a maritime project that will allow the tracking of "dark shipping" across the Indo-Pacific region.

"Our confidence and determination are strengthening the democratic forces. Our cooperation at the level of Quad is aimed at an inclusive Indo-Pacific region. We increased cooperation during the COVID-19 regarding vaccine delivery, climate action, supply chain resilience, disaster response," he noted.

The summit among the leaders of Australia, India, Japan and the United States took place exactly three months after Russia launched the invasion of Ukraine that has sent shockwaves across the geopolitical system, affecting energy, and food markets.

Power point: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Australian and Japanese counterparts, Anthony Albanese (left) and Fumio Kishida (right), and U.S. President Joe Biden at the Quad summit at Kantei Palace in Tokyo, Japan, on Tuesday. • AP

Silent about Ukraine

Mr. Modi, however, remained silent about the Ukraine crisis in his opening remarks. A joint statement issued after the meeting addressed the concerns arising out of the crisis. It said the member countries "discussed respective responses to the conflict in Ukraine and the ongoing tragic humanitarian crisis and assessed its implications for the Indo-Pacific".

One of the several "implications" of the Ukraine crisis that has been discussed since Russia launched the attack has focused on possible Chinese military moves in the Indo-Pacific region. The summit's concerns were played out almost simultaneously as a joint patrol by the Russian and Chinese forces took place near the Japanese territories, drawing global attention.

Apart from the Ukraine crisis, the leaders also took note of the post-coup crackdown in Myanmar and called for the release of "all political detainees, including foreigners". They also sought the "swift restoration of democracy". In this regard, they welcomed the role of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair.

"Quad has adopted a constructive agenda for the Indo-Pacific region. This will further enhance Quad's image as a force for good," Mr. Modi said. He congratulated the newly elected Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who flew to Tokyo a day after defeating incumbent Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

The leaders of the Quad countries announced the formation of the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA), which will build a "faster, wider, and more accurate maritime picture of near-real-time activities in partners' waters."

"The benefits of this (maritime) picture are vast: it will allow tracking of "dark shipping" and other tactical-level activities, such as rendezvous at sea, as well as improve partners' ability to respond to climate and humanitarian events and to protect their fisheries, which are vital to many Indo-Pacific economies," a factsheet regarding the summit announced.

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India, U.S., to work on tech, investment

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
SUHASINI HAIDAR
WASHINGTON DC/ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden met along the sidelines of the Tokyo Quad leaders' meeting for a bilateral meeting, their second one in little over a month, with the two leaders having met virtually on April 11 before the India-U.S. 2+2 Defence and Foreign Ministries dialogue.

The two countries announced a technology cooperation initiative and investment initiative with the U.S. development agency. Mr. Biden, expressing an idea he has articulated for years, said he would work for the U.S.-India relationship to be "among the closest" in the world.

Speaking ahead of the bilateral dialogue, Mr. Modi called the India-U.S. partnership a "partnership of trust".

"Our shared values, and our common interests in many areas, including security, have strengthened the bonds of this trust," he said, adding that bilateral trade and investment were expanding but "much below" their potential, according to an English translation of Mr. Modi's remarks, most of which were delivered in Hindi.

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Punjab Minister sacked in bribe case

Singla remanded in police custody

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

Punjab Health Minister Vijay Singla was on Tuesday sacked from the State Cabinet over allegations of corruption and was later sent to three-day police remand by a local court in Mohali after his arrest.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said he dismissed Mr. Singla from the Cabinet for seeking a 1% commission on tenders for contracts and others in the Health and Family Welfare Department, which he headed.

Mr. Mann claimed that Mr. Singla had admitted his crime and he asked the police to register a case against him.

After his dismissal, the police registered a First Information Report (FIR) under Sections 7, and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act at Mohali in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district against Mr. Singla and his Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Pardeep Kumar. Mr. Singla was produced in a local court at Mohali which remanded him in three-day police custody till May 27.

Vijay Singla

2% sought

As per the complaint, it was alleged that both the accused demanded a bribe as commission for the allotment of funds in government tenders. Initially, they demanded a 2% commission against the total amount of ₹58 crore but the complainant refused to give a bribe. Subsequently, they demanded 1% of commission as a bribe for tenders, it added.

"My government is having zero tolerance towards corruption and no one, howsoever affluent he may be, will not be allowed to continue such malpractices", the Chief Minister said, adding the people had chosen them for a transparent and corruption-free system and he was duty-bound to fulfill the aspirations of every Punjabi.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal said Mr. Mann removed the Minister though neither the media nor the Opposition knew about the corruption.

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Vijayendra fails to get ticket for Council polls

State BJP core committee had recommended his name

B.Y. Vijayendra

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In an embarrassment to the party State unit as well as veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa, the BJP high command has rejected the recommendation by the State core committee to field his son B.Y. Vijayendra for the Legislative Council elections.

The BJP central leadership has instead chosen the former Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, the former party office secretary Keshav Prasad, Dalit leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, and party State secretary Hemalatha Nayak to contest the elections.

A section of BJP leaders was pushing for Mr. Vijayendra's candidature as that would have paved the way for his inclusion in the Ministry. They were of the view that Mr. Vijayendra becoming a Minister would not only help in evolving of an alternative leadership but also go a long way in keeping the support base of Lingayats intact. Mr. Yediyurappa's next move is being closely watched as he too was part of the core committee that recommended his son's name. The JD(S) has announced the candidature of its former MLC T.A. Sharavana, while the Congress on Monday night announced the names of Nagaraju Yadav and Abdul Jabbar.

All the seven candidates (four from BJP, two from Congress and one from JD-S), to be elected to the Legislative Council from the Legislative Assembly, filed their nominations on Tuesday.

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Snow hurdle

Freezing point: People clearing snow at Kedarnath Dham in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand, on Tuesday. Kedarnath pilgrimage has been temporarily suspended due to heavy snowfall and rain, leaving hundreds of people stranded on the route. • ANI

Eight killed in road accident near Hubballi

Bus carrying passengers from Maharashtra hits a rice-laden truck

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

As many as eight people were killed and 26 injured in a road accident involving a private bus carrying passengers from Maharashtra and a rice-laden truck on the Hubballi-Dharwad Bypass Road near Hubballi at midnight on Monday.

Police Commissioner Labhu Ram said that the accident occurred at around midnight near Revadihal on the bypass road close to the Tarihal Interchange in Hubballi.

The injured were immediately shifted to Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital in Hubballi. While six persons were killed on the spot, two died of injuries at the hospital. As it was a long-route service, there were two drivers on the private bus. Both of them and the truck driver were killed in the accident. The names of the deceased were given as Nagaraju B., 65, and Ataulla Khan, 50, of Bengaluru, Babusa Chougale, 59, of Kolhapur and Akshay Chikati, 30, of Ahmednagar in Maharashtra, Mohammed Dayal Baig, 16, of Mysuru, Aqif, 24, Mohammed Ashfaq, 40, and Masthan of Biswan in Uttar Pradesh.

The private bus that was involved in a road accident near Hubballi at midnight on Monday. • KIRAN BAKALE

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Devanur, G. Ramakrishna revoke nod to use their writings in school curriculum

This is in protest against revision panel dropping works of several progressive writers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Kannada writer Devanur Mahadeva and scholar G. Ramakrishna have revoked permission to use their writings in the school curriculum in protest against the decision of the textbook revision committee to drop the works of several progressive writers of the State.

In separate releases, they both said they are distressed by the "agenda-driven" textbook revision being carried out in Karnataka and they would not want to be included in the curriculum in such a scenario. In the release, Mr. Mahadeva said that those who have dropped the works of L. Basavaraju, A.N. Murthy Rao, P. Lankesh, Sara Aboobacker, and others have no clue or knowledge of Kannada, Karnataka or its culture.

Caste factor

Besides, the revision committee chairman, Rohit Chakrathirtha, has claimed not to identify a writer by his caste but go by their works. But by failing to take cognisance of caste in a country like India, 90% of the people tend to get excluded and this is eroding the concept of participatory democracy, said Mr. Mahadeva.

However, this is not a new trend and was also observed when BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi was the Union Minister for Human Resource Development. The BJP, with its roots and belief steeped in the RSS ideology based on caste supremacy, tends to meddle with history and education whenever it is in power, Mr. Mahadeva said in the release.

Alternative forces

Once the revised textbooks are published and their shortcomings ascertained, he would like to be part of the efforts that are striving to provide alternative views and lessons to students based on constitutional principles, said Mr. Mahadeva.

Dr. Ramakrishna, in another release, said, "It is an intellectual travesty that children are being fed poison through textbooks." The revised textbook of Class X first language Kannada, which now has a lesson based on a speech by RSS founder K.B. Hedgewar, also has an essay by Mr. Mahadeva and another on Bhagat Singh by Dr. Ramakrishna. The lesson authored by Dr. Ramakrishna, initially dropped, was later reintroduced following protests.

There have been protests by students' organisations and others on the inclusions and exclusions in the new textbooks, which are seen as an effort at saffronisation of education.

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J&K constable gunned down by militants

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

A policeman was killed and his daughter injured in a militant attack in Srinagar city on Tuesday afternoon.

Preliminary reports suggested that militants fired at the policeman and his daughter at the Anchar region of Srinagar's Soura area. The policeman was declared brought dead by a nearby hospital. "His daughter is stable," the police said. The deceased policeman was identified as Saifullah Qadri, a resident of Malik Sahib locality in Soura. The area was cordoned off. This is the fifth targeted attack in Kashmir this month.

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Masjid panel's plea to be heard in Gyanvapi case

Parties told to file objections in 7 days

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Varanasi district court, hearing the Gyanvapi mosque dispute, on Tuesday decided that it will hear on priority the plea filed by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which challenged the maintainability of the suit filed by Hindu plaintiffs under Order 7 Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

District and Sessions Judge, Varanasi, A.K. Vishvesha said he would hear the committee's plea on May 26 on priority as directed by the Supreme Court. Further, the Varanasi court directed all parties to file their objections to the report of the commission that conducted a video survey of the mosque premises within seven days, as ordered by the court earlier hearing the case.

Mr. Vishvesha on Monday reserved the order on which plea to hear first, after hearing arguments from both sides. On Monday, the masjid committee argued that its plea challenging the maintainability of the Hindus' suit should be first heard and in isolation from their suit. It argued that the suit was barred under the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 and thus was not maintainable.

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Goyal bats for local supply chains at WEF

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Indian industry should strengthen domestic supply chains by sourcing supplies locally, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said at Davos, Switzerland. Speaking at the 'Breakfast session Discussion on Trade 4.0' at the World Economic Forum, Mr. Goyal said that there is a lot of optimism globally regarding India, despite challenges like the pandemic and the Ukraine conflict.

He expressed concern over 'excessive dependence' on international supply and asked businesses to procure goods locally whenever there is an opportunity.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Exports rise

21 In percentage, the rise in Indian exports to $23.7 billion between May 1 and May 21, on account of healthy growth in various sectors, such as petroleum products, engineering, and electronic goods. During the second week of May, the exports grew by about 24% to $8.03 billion. Petroleum products, engineering, and electronic goods' exports during this period expanded by 81.1%, about 17% and about 44%, respectively. In April, the exports rose by 30.7% to $40.19 billion. Imports during the month grew by 30.97% to $60.3 billion. PTI

Disposed FDIs

853 The foreign direct investment (FDI) proposals disposed of through the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIFP) in the last five years, according to the commerce and industry Ministry. FIFP was developed after the abolition of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board in May 2017. After the abolition, granting of government approval for overseas investment under the FDI policy and Foreign Exchange Management Act regulations was entrusted to the concerned Ministries/departments. PTI

Free and fair trade

13 The Indo-Pacific nations who committed to free and fair trade to promote investments and achieve sustainable economic growth. The countries include India, U.S., Japan and Australia among others. The nations also agreed to identify areas of cooperation based on consultations among partners, a joint statement said. The statement was issued after the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity. The member nations acknowledged that the economic policy interests in the region were intertwined. PTI

Escaping Sri Lanka

67 The number of people arrested by Sri Lanka's navy for allegedly trying to travel by sea to Australia illegally. The navy said in a statement that 12 men were arrested near the port town of Trincomalee, 260 kilometres northeast of the capital Colombo on Monday, while 55 were intercepted as they tried to escape in a fishing vessel. Five of them are suspected to be part of a human smuggling ring. Police are still determining the motivation for the illegal voyage, Navy spokesperson Indika de Silva said. AP

Bodies in Mariupol

200 The dead bodies discovered in the basement of an apartment building in Mariupol when workers dug through the rubble of an apartment, according to Ukrainian authorities. The ruined city has seen some of the worst sufferings of the three-month-old war between Russia and Ukraine. Mariupol had been relentlessly pounded during a months long siege that finally ended last week after some 2,500 Ukrainian fighters abandoned a steel plant where they had made their last stand. AP

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EXPLAINER

On Quad; its origins, goals and future plans

Which countries are the core members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue? Did the rise of China in the region play a role in its formation?

THE GIST

- India, the U.S., Australia, and Japan are meeting for the second in-person summit of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad in Tokyo which commenced yesterday on May 24.
- The Quad is an informal multilateral grouping of India, the U.S., Australia, and Japan aimed at cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific region. A major basis for the grouping is to check China's growing influence in the region.
- Mr. Biden unveiled the 'Indo-Pacific Economic Framework' (IPEF) on May 23, which, according to *Reuters* is a programme to bind countries in the region more closely through common standards in areas including supply-chain resilience, clean energy, infrastructure and digital trade.

DIKSHA MUNJAL

The story so far: The leaders of four countries – India, the U.S., Australia, and Japan – are meeting for the second in-person summit of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad in Tokyo which commenced yesterday on May 24. A lot has changed, since the first in-person meeting of the Quad in September last year.

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis has triggered geopolitical shifts, driven up global inflation, and affected supply chains amid a slew of western sanctions on Moscow. In March this year, Quad leaders discussed the situation in Ukraine in an unscheduled virtual meeting called by U.S President Joe Biden.

What is the Quad and why was it formed?

The Quad is an informal multilateral grouping of India, the U.S., Australia, and Japan aimed at cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific region. The region, composed of two oceans and spanning multiple continents is a hub of maritime trade and naval establishments. While not stated explicitly by the leaders, a major basis for the grouping is to check China's growing influence in the region.

After the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 wreaked havoc in the region now called the Indo-Pacific, India stepped up its rescue efforts not just on its own shores but also provided assistance to its maritime neighbours: Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Indonesia. Soon, the disaster relief effort was joined by three other naval powers – the U.S., Australia and Japan, with then U.S. President George W. Bush announcing that the four countries would set up an international coalition to coordinate the massive effort.

While the charge of the rescue operations was handed over to the United Nations shortly after, it led to the birth of a new framework: the Quadrilateral or Quad. Then Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who had been promoting the idea of an "arc of prosperity and freedom" that brought the Quad countries closer together, further developed the concept and discussed it with then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a summit in December 2006. The grouping held a meeting in May 2007 but did not release an official statement. The 2007 Indo-U.S. Malabar naval exercises also saw the partial involvement of Japan, Australia and Singapore. The exercises and coordination were seen by China as an attempt to encircle it, which termed the grouping as trying to build "an Asian NATO".

The Quad lost momentum post the 2007 meeting as the effort "dissipated amidst member leadership transitions, concerns about economic repercussions from China, and attention to other national interests," according to the U.S. Congressional Research Service.

The grouping was only revived an entire decade later in 2017, at a time when all four countries had revised their assessment of the China challenge; and India had witnessed the Doklam standoff. Leaders of all four countries met in the Philippines for the 'India-Australia-Japan-U.S.' dialogue, not referred to as a Quad dialogue to avoid the notion of a "gang-up". Even at this point, a set of objectives, areas of cooperation, and even the definition of Indo-Pacific were not fixed among Quad members.

It was in March 2021 that Mr. Biden, Mr. Modi, Australia's outgoing Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and then Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga met virtually, for the first time as an official Quad summit, releasing a set of objectives for the grouping in a joint statement called the 'The Spirit of the Quad'.

What were the objectives of the grouping?

The March 2021 virtual summit gave rise to the main objectives of the Quad, outlined actionable goals, and formed expert working groups in multiple areas.

Coming together to foster a free and open Indo-Pacific formed the bedrock of cooperation. "We recommit to promoting the free, open, rules-based order, rooted in international law and undaunted by coercion, to bolster security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond," the joint statement said. Emphasis was laid on "rule of law, territorial integrity, freedom of navigation and overflight, peaceful resolution of disputes, and democratic values" in the region.

The other areas of immediate focus were the pandemic through strengthening equitable vaccine access for the Indo-Pacific, combating climate change, sharing critical technologies, cyber security, supply chain resilience, and infrastructure and connectivity projects.

Quad leaders launched the Quad Vaccine Initiative (QVI) with the aim of manufacturing and distributing at least a billion COVID-19 vaccines for the Asia region by the end of 2022. The plan was to manufacture U.S. developed vaccines in India with financing provided by the U.S. and Japan, and delivery undertaken by Australia and Japan to countries in Southeast Asia. The plan, however, has had trouble taking off for multiple reasons including legal indemnity issues with Indian law, safety concerns around the vaccine facility (of Pharma Biological E in Hyderabad), and lower demand for vaccines in South East Asia. As for emerging technologies, the four countries aimed to work on the development and diversification of 5G telecommunications and the creation of supply chains for critical minerals and technologies for making semiconductors used in smartphones, another area where China is a leader.

Quad nations had also agreed to build joint connectivity projects and transparent infrastructure funding for countries in the region. The emphasis on connectivity saw the Quad challenge China in another sphere: a coordinated effort to provide financing and sustainable alternatives to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has led many nations to take loans and accept infrastructure bids from Beijing.

The Quad also created a working group for combating climate change which would oversee efforts to foster green shipping by decarbonising maritime supply chains and promoting the use of clean hydrogen.

What are the future plans of the Quad?

According to a statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs about the agenda of the May 24 summit, "The Leaders will review the progress of Quad initiatives and Working Groups, identify new areas of cooperation and provide strategic guidance and vision for future collaboration". The Quad summit is expected to discuss the Russian war in Ukraine, and the impact of three months of Western sanctions. Mr. Biden said yesterday that the world was "navigating a dark hour" with Russia's attack on Ukraine, adding that the war made evident the need for decent international order.

(India is the only member of the Quad that has not joined sanctions against Russia, while also ramping up its intake of Russian oil – an estimated 40 million barrels more than it had in all of 2021).

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Mr. Modi, who attended the launch, signalled India's readiness to join the economic initiative. Indian officials had earlier expressed, however, that India was likely to be cautious about its participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework as it could be seen as a counter to the 15-nation Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and the 17-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership that China is a member of. Quad members also launched a maritime monitoring plan to curb illegal fishing in the Indo-Pacific. Several countries have objected to Chinese fishing vessels often violating their exclusive economic zones resulting in economic losses, while also engaging in deep-sea trawling, which causes environmental damage.

Forming a collective: U.S. President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at a Quad meeting. • AFP

EXPLAINER

The controversy around the Jagannath temple Heritage Corridor Project

Why is the Odisha government and the ASI at loggerheads over the temple redevelopment project?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The story so far: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on May 17 said that a sculpture of a lion, which possibly dates back to the Ganga dynasty, was found during excavation for the controversial heritage corridor project around the 12th century Jagannath Temple in Puri, Odisha. This is the third such lion sculpture found during the excavation work. The Odisha government's ambitious temple corridor project in Puri has become a subject of intense political controversy in the State.

What is the controversy?

The Puri Heritage Corridor Project is a ₹3,200 crore redevelopment project of and around the 800-year-old Jagannath temple in Puri by the Odisha government to create an international heritage site.

Plans for the corridor had been in the making since 2016, with the State Assembly unanimously passing a resolution for the effective implementation of the project in February last year. Soon after, the plan was approved by the Shree Jagannatha Temple Administration (SJTA). The Odisha government has listed three objectives for the revamp of the area around the temple – the security of the temple, the safety of devotees, and the creation of a religious atmosphere for devotees. In all, 22 development projects are planned under the scheme.

Construction work outside the Jagannath temple in Puri. • BISWARANJAN ROUT

In February this year, when the Odisha Bridge and Construction Corporation (OBBC) started excavation work within 75 metres of the Jagannath temple to build public amenities such as toilets and cloakrooms, experts and members of civil society objected to the use of heavy machinery for digging, citing the possibility of an adverse impact on the 12th century temple. Questions started being raised about whether the construction around the temple had the due permissions and clearances.

The Jagannath temple has been designated a monument of national importance by the ASI and is a centrally protected monument. As per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act (AMSAR), construction is prohibited within a 100-metre periphery of a protected area. The area extending to 200 metres around the monument in all directions is called a regulated area. If construction has to be undertaken in the regulated or prohibited area, permission from the National Monuments Authority (NMA) is required. Notably, the term "construction" as defined in the AMSAR Act does not include the construction of public toilets, urinals, and "similar conveniences". It also does not include works for the supply of water, electricity or "provision of similar facilities for publicity".

Raising concerns about the structural safety of the temple in the wake of the excavation in the prohibited area of the temple, Dilip Baral, a resident of Puri, filed a plea with the Orissa High Court in March.

BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi also raised the issue in a Parliament session in March. Calling the work around the temple "illegal", she said: "It is a matter of great concern.... Massive demolition and construction works are taking place within 100 and 200-metre area of the temple. No permission from NMA and ASI has been taken. The work which is a threat to the temple must stop."

Responding to Ms. Sarangi, BJD MP Pinaki Misra said that no digging was being done. "Only four toilets are being constructed... No additional construction is taking place," he said.

What has the ASI said?

After the petition was filed in the High Court, the ASI was directed to conduct a joint inspection of the site along with the State government. In its affidavit submitted to the court in May post the survey, the ASI observed that there was "every possibility that the agency OBCC during the excavation or soil removal might have destroyed the archaeological remains of the heritage site". It pointed out that the construction work fell partly within both the prohibited and regulated areas of the centrally protected monument.

The ASI had found that the ongoing construction work had "no valid permission or no objection certificate (NOC) issued by the competent authority".

Moreover, the apex conservation agency said: "It was informed during the discussion that no heritage impact assessment studies have been conducted before commencement of the project. No Ground Penetrating Radar Survey (GPRS) has been conducted to ascertain the archaeological and historical importance lying buried in the subsoil of 75m radius (Construction Zone) of Centrally Protected Monuments."

What is the stand of the Odisha government?

The Odisha government refuted the ASI report in court, saying that it had acquired an NOC from the NMA in September 2021. The NOC was granted for constructing a cloakroom, three toilets, an electrical facility, a pavement, and a shelter pavilion in the 75-metre zone as it did not come under "construction" as per the AMSAR Act. The NMA had no objection as long as the work was carried out under ASI supervision. However, the ASI said that no such permission was taken from it.

In a move seen by the opposition as a "cover up", the government on May 21, started a GPRS to trace any archaeological treasure beneath the soil.

THE GIST

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Single contractor to collect all types of waste, but in two vehicles

The civic body is keen to hold one agency accountable for entire gamut of SWM in a ward; wet waste to be collected every day and dry waste every alternate day

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A single contractor will be in-charge of collection of all categories of waste in a particular ward for the next five years., according to the new garbage tenders which were finalised at the Technical Committee (TC) of Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML) meeting on Tuesday. The contractor has to deploy two separate vehicles for collection of wet waste every day and dry waste every alternate day.

As of now, the contractors only collect wet waste and a multitude of NGOs and agencies collect dry waste twice a week. The civic body, keen to hold one agency accountable for the entire gamut of SWM in a ward, was keen on handing over collection of all categories of waste to one contractor in a single vehicle.

However, there was opposition to the proposal from SWM activists, and the two streams were separated after complaints of segregated waste being mixed at the collection vehicle.

"A single agency will be responsible for the entire SWM in a ward – collection of wet, dry, sanitary, animal, construction and debris wastes – from bulk generators and commercial establishments, which generate waste up to 100 kg a day. But since two separate vehicles collecting wet and dry waste has boosted segregation, we have decided to continue with that and insist contractors deploy two separate vehicles," said Sandhya Narayan, member of TC, BSWML.

The new contracts will be for five years and not one, and contractors are mandated to deploy all new vehicles across the city, she added.

However, there has been some opposition to the terms of the new tenders from the contractors.

Garbage contractor Balasubramanyam said in cities like Indore that have consistently got the top rank in Swachh Survekshan, collection of both streams of segregated waste happens in the same vehicle.

"Deploying two vehicles where one would do would only cause more expenditure to the civic body. We are ready to take responsibility for cleanliness levels in a ward and are ready for penal measures for any violation," he said, adding that if the civic body still insists, they will deploy two vehicles for wet and dry waste, but it would only mean inflated bills.

A senior civic official said in dry waste, volume was a key factor rather than weight of the waste and thus collecting wet and dry waste may not work in a single vehicle. "Moreover, people are used to giving wet and dry wastes separately and we do not want to undo the work done over the past few years in segregation," he said.

Contractors are mandated to deploy new vehicles across the city. • BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Fixed power charges for hotels to be waived

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) has assured waiver of fixed electricity charges for the period between April and June 2021 for restaurants and hotels in Bengaluru registered under the Tourism Department. The State government, in August 2021, announced the waiver of charges.

P. Rajendra Cholan, Managing Director, Bescom, asked hoteliers to submit zone-wise details of the registered hotels and restaurants to the officials concerned. He added that the fixed electricity charges for the period of three months will be reimbursed to hoteliers by the Tourism Department after a meeting with representatives of Bruhat Bangalore Hotels' Association headed by president P.C. Rao and FKCCI president I.S. Prasad on Tuesday.

Ahead of monsoon, Bescom launches 11 WhatsApp helpline numbers

This will ease burden on 1912, which gets flooded with calls during emergencies

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

With monsoon approaching, Bescom consumers can seek remedies for their power-related problems in a quicker way through WhatsApp. On Tuesday, Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar announced that Bescom has provided 11 WhatsApp helpline numbers to all the eight districts in its jurisdiction as the 1912 helpline number is flooded with calls during emergencies.

While Bengaluru Urban district, which has four circles (North, South, East, and West) gets four numbers, Davangere, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Ramanagaram, Bengaluru Rural, Chickballapur, and Kolar districts get one number each. Officials said that consumer service executives at helpline centres will coordinate with Bescom centres to resolve power-related queries which they receive on WhatsApp on a priority basis.

Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar launching the Bescom helpline in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

"So far, we had 1912 as our call centre number. To make things easier for consumers, we are giving WhatsApp numbers. Consumers will get a quick and hassle-free response soon after they send a message to their respective district's helpline number," Mr. Kumar said.

Further, to bring in more coordination between helpline centres and Bescom section offices during the rainy season, Assistant Executive Engineers (AEE) have been appointed as nodal officers at helpline centres. "These officers will be working on a shift basis and will provide better service to the consumers," a senior official said.

Transformers serviced

Under the Energy Department's transformer maintenance campaign, more than two lakh transformers have been serviced in Karnataka so far, the Minister said. "This is the first time such a campaign was carried out in Karnataka, and we want the numbers to touch five lakh. But owing to unseasonal rains, our engineers had to focus on other work. We are thinking about continuing the campaign," he said.

Bescom has overhauled 10,794 transformers in 16 days under the campaign in 535 sections across its jurisdiction.

BMTC relaxes rules on purchase of monthly pass

It will come into effect from July

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Now, city bus passengers have the flexibility of purchasing a monthly pass on any day of the month. The passes will be valid for 30 days from the day of purchase.

In a press release, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) said it has also decided to do away with the rules of BMTC identity cards for purchasing the monthly passes. Instead, the pass holders can travel in city buses by showing Aadhaar card, voter ID, PAN card, passport, and driving licence.

The new rule will come into effect from July. For years, the BMTC had a rule that the monthly pass should be purchased in the first of week of the month.

Director, IT, BMTC, A.V. Surya Sen said, "A decision has been taken to make the purchase of monthly passes a smooth process. When we have many government-issued ID passes, there is no need for a separate BMTC ID. Whoever purchases the monthly pass should hold a government-issued ID card while travelling in BMTC buses."

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> A.V. SURYA SEN
> Director, IT, BMTC

The official said that on an average, four lakh people purchase monthly passes to travel in ordinary, Vajra and Vayu Vajra services. He said the sale of digital monthly passes is also promising. Last month, close to 3,000 people purchased digital passes.

SWD wall collapses; four injured

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Four workers were injured when a portion of the retaining wall of a stormwater drain (SWD) they were building collapsed on them in Srinagar on Tuesday.

Of the four, one of them, Kasim, 24, hailing from Kolkata, suffered an injury on his back, while the remaining three sustained minor injuries, sources said.

Lokesh, Chief Engineer, in-charge of SWDs, told *The Hindu* that the accident occurred when the labourers were building a concrete retention wall and closing the drain with concrete. "The labourers have put more concrete at a certain end, which led to an imbalance, and the portion of the wall collapsed and some of it fell on the labourers," he said.

Last week, two contract labourers died while laying water pipes for a residential layout in Jnana Bharathi during heavy rain.

Nigerian held for attacking police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Siddapura police arrested a 44-year-old Nigerian national for allegedly assaulting the police when they raided his cafe to recover drugs at OMBR Layout in Chikka Banaswadi on Saturday.

The accused Elvis Kayine was also injured during the scuffle and later received treatment at Jayanagar General Hospital before he was arrested under the NDPS Act and under various sections of the Foreigners Act

The accused was running an African cafe situated close to CMR Law college. A team of police raided the cafe based on specific information that drugs were being sold there.

According to the police, there were many foreign nationals who attacked the police as soon as they entered. The police resisted the attack and detained Elvis and recovered 12 grams of MDMA from him.

While the police tried to escort him, Elvis attacked the police team with a liquor bottle and three constables – Kiran, Venkatesh Murthy and Punith Kumar – were injured, the police said. Passers-by who heard the commotion rushed into the cafe and rescued the police and helped them arrest Elvis. The entire attack was recorded on the mobile phone by one of the persons who helped the police.

Further investigations are on to ascertain the source of drugs.

ITI graduate arrested for stealing bikes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bharati Nagar police on Monday arrested a 24-year-old man and recovered 10 bikes worth ₹4 lakh from him.

The accused Lakshmipathy, a native of Kuppam in A.P., is an ITI graduate and was working at a factory in Hosur. Investigations revealed that the accused was into cricket betting and incurred huge losses. To recover the loss, he started stealing bikes and sold them at throwaway prices to repay the debt. Based on a vehicle theft case reported, the police tracked down the accused and recovered the bikes.

In a similar incident, the Basaveshwara Nagar police arrested two habitual offenders and recovered eight bikes worth ₹6.5 lakh from them. The accused Mohammed Irshad and Farid Khan used to steal bikes parked in front of houses and sell them to their contacts.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. Y/E.29(2022-23/02
Dated: 19.05.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work:

Description of Work	Approx. Value
Provision of 750V power supply for maintenance of HOG Coaches in pit lines & sick-lines.	Rs. 3,27,84,802/-

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 11:00 hrs. of 16.06.2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
Mysuru

PUB/107/AM/PRB/SWR/2022-23

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM

IFB No.	16 / F. O&M/ Out sourcing of CWSS/DO1/2022/dt.20.05.2022
Eligibility	Class I Contractors
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Integrated Office Complex, First Floor, No.243/2, Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road, Pillayarpatty, Thanjavur-613 403
Sale of Bid	25.05.2022 to 14.06.2022 up to 05.45 pm
EMD Payable at	Sl.No.1.Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Pudukkottai Sl.No.2.Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Urban Division, Trichy Sl.No.3.Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Maintenance Division, Nagapattinam
Pre Bid meeting	02.06.2022 at 11.00 AM at the office of the CE.TWAD Board, Thanjavur
Downloading (free of cost)	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in
Bid Submission	15.06.2022 upto 3.00 PM at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid opening	15.06.2022 at 3.30 PM at the office of the Tender Invitee

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
Outsourcing of Operation and Maintenance of CWSS from 16.06.2022 to 31.03.2023			
1.	CWSS to 1751 habitations in Pudukkottai District	8.18	6.13
2.	CWSS to 1766 habitations in Pudukkottai District	10.24	7.68
3.	CWSS to 890 habitations in Nagapattinam District	5.66	4.25

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Chief Engineer,
TWAD Board, Thanjavur.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (II call)

IFB No.	F.01/Nagercoil/UGSS/TED/SDO 2/ CW /2022 /Dt : 23.05.2022
Fund	CGF
Eligibility	Registered Class I Bidders
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.1/1, Sambasivam, Ganesh Nagar, Mattuthavani, Madurai - 625 007
Sale of Bid& Place of Sale	25.05.2022 to 22.06.2022 upto 5.45 p.m. At O/o the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Nagercoil, Tamilnadu remitting by cash or by Demand Draft for Rs.1000 + GST in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Nagercoil payable at Nagercoil.
Downloading website	(Free of cost) at www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in.
Pre Bid meeting	08.06.2022 at 11.00 a.m. at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	24.06.2022 before 3.00 p.m. at the office of the Tender Invitee in person or through post. This office will not be held responsible for postal delay, if any.
Bid opening	24.06.2022 at 3.30 p.m. at the office of the Tender Invitee

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Crore including GST)	Bid security (Rs.in lakhs)
1	Providing treated effluent disposal arrangement in STP site under UGSS to Nagercoil Municipality (now upgraded as Corporation) – period of completion 9 months.	11.90	8.93

DIPR/ 2496 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

Chief Engineer,
TWAD Board, Madurai

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM

IFB No.	15 / F. O&M/ Out sourcing of CWSS/DO1/2022/dt : 20.05.2022
Eligibility	Class I Contractors
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Integrated Office Complex, First Floor, No.243/2, Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road, Pillayarpatty, Thanjavur-613 403
Sale of Bid	25.05.2022 to 14.06.2022 upto 05.45 pm
EMD Payable at	Sl. No 1. Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Mayiladuthurai. Sl. No 2. Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Thiruvarur
Pre Bid meeting	02.06.2022 at 11.00 AM at the office of the CE, TWAD Board, Thanjavur
Downloading (free of cost)	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in
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Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore)	Bid security (Rs.in lakhs)
Outsourcing of Operation and Maintenance of CWSS from 16.06.2022 to 31.03.2023			
1.	CWSS to 280 habitations in Mayiladuthurai District.	Rs. 5.79	Rs. 3.82
2.	Vedaranyam CWSS in Thanjavur, Thiruvarur & Nagai District.	Rs. 4.19	Rs. 3.14

DIPR/ 2491 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

Chief Engineer,
TWAD Board, Thanjavur.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Ajay Kumar Khemka**, aged about 59 years S/o Late Muralidhar Khemka, have lost the original registered sale deed bearing document no. 69870/06-07 dated 28/03/2007 in Book 1 vide CD No. BLND399 of the Peenya Subregistrar Office, for the sites bearing survey no. 26 & 26A located in "Shivani Gardens", Kadabagere Cross, Kadabagere, Bangalore - 562130. A lost report regarding the same has been registered with the KSP vide lost report no. 0228029/2022. Therefore, if anyone finds it, they are kindly requested to return it to us by contacting on this number +91 9900288424

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large **Mr.Ediga Chandrashekar Gowd** and **Mrs.Suneetha chenagani** Residing at Sreenivasam No.18 2nd Floor F2 1st cross park garden corners layout ISRO layout Munnekolalu Marathahalli Post Bangalore East - 560 037.Presently the owner of the property is **Mr.BVSRN Kaushik** and **Smt.Reginee Vijay Kaushik** in the year 12.12.1994 Registered Document No.2539/93-94 as owned the property for the said schedule Site No.08 house list No.08 katha No.114A present BBMP municipal No.183/144/114A/B Nagasetty village Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North measuring **East to West - 30feet North to South-45 feet** over all measuring **1350 sqft.** However, member of public are notified that if anyone having any adverse claim in respect of the above said property hereby advised to place their claims with appropriate written evidence, please note that claims received without written evidence within **7 day's** from the date of publication of this notice there after will not be entertained.

HARISHA S, Advocate
No.2, 1st Floor Byranna building
Bengaluru-562125
Mobile No. 9060950265

MHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN
MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION, SATARA
E- Tender Notice No. 1 for 2022-23.

The Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran Water Management Division, Satara invites e-tender for the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission from Empannelled contractors in Category 'B' by State Water and Sanitation Mission.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Group Tender of Jinti Water Supply Scheme, Pimprad Water Supply Scheme, and Choudharwadi Water Supply Scheme Taluka Phaltan Dist. Satara	3588.13

Scheme details are available from 26/05/2022 on web site www.mahatenders.gov.in

Date:-18/05/2022

Sd/-
(Mr . P.V.Mote)
Executive Engineer
MJP Water Management Division, Satara

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. S. NARASAMMA**, W/o. late. Suraparaju Narayanaraju, Aged about 64 years, Aadhar No: 6195 6836 3627 and **Sri. VENUGOPAL SURAPRARAJU**, S/o. late. Suraparaju Narayanaraju, Aged about 47 years, Aadhar No: 4894 0735 2719, both are residing at No. 2506, E Block, 9th B Cross, Sahakara Nagar, Bengaluru - 560092. Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned
Advocate within **7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL the vacant residential property bearing **site No. 22 and 23**, old House list khata No. 459/111, situated at **Munnekolala village, Varthuru Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangaluru**, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP having the BBMP B khata No. 459/111 and measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet., in all measuring 2400 Sq. Ft., comprising of 40 square RCC roofed residential building with all civic amenities And BOUNDED ON:

EAST BY : House site No. 16 and 17.
WEST BY : 25 feet Road.
NORTH BY : House site No. 21.
SOUTH BY : House Site No. 24.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **SRI. MADHUSUDAN .B .K, S/o. Late. Kalachar and his wife Smt. MANGALA .R, have intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owner SRI. U. M. JAGADISH, S/o. Sri. Marigowda, Residing at No. 43, in front of Mahaesh farm, Ittamadu, Banashankari 3rd Phase, Bangalore-560085.**

If any person/s having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed further for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No.48, converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 6 & 7, situated at Myadarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560090. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on: East by : Site No. 33, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 47, South by : Site No. 49.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore - 68
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832,
BANGALORE, DATE : 24-05-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring it to the NOTICE of General Public, that **Prasanna Kumar C.N**, aged about 34 years, s/o. Late. Narasimharaju, R/at No. 58, Near Government School, Siddana Hosahalli Village, Madavara Post Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore 562 162, is intending to purchase the property bearing site No. 178 with E-Khatha No. 150930700700101803, situated at Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 square feet, which is more fully described in the schedule below, from his vendor/R. Shobha aged about 43 years, w/o. R. Ramulaiah R/at No. 682, 2nd Block, Peenya 1st Stage, Bangalore 560 022. It is further submitted that originally the property bearing Site No. 178 was allotted in favour of original owner/Premo w/o. Byranna, vide HMK(K) PATRA dated 23/02/1994 by Tahasildar, Nelamangala Taluk under Ashraya Yojana Scheme.

Premo having acquired the schedule property in turn sold the same in favour of the present owner/vendor/R. Shobha under sale deed dated 12/02/2014 registered as Document No. NMG-1-12345/2013-14 of Book – I Stored in C.D. No. NMGD 302 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala. It is further submitted the Prasanna Kumar C.N is intending to purchase the schedule property, by availing Housing Loan from LIC Housing Finance Ltd., Bangalore.

Any person or person/s, Government of Karnataka/Block Development Officer/ Tahasildar, Financial Institution/s /Co-operative Society Ltd/ BDA/ Statutory bodies/etc., having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the disbursement of loan in purchasing the property /insists for NOC/etc., in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **10 (TEN) days** from the Publication of Notice hereof, along with Documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained.

SCHEDULE

PROPERTY ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Immovable Property bearing site **No. 178** E-Khatha No. 150930700700101803, Kaneshumari No. 260/178 situated at **Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District**, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 square feet & bounded on the: **East by : Road; West by : Site No. 169; North by: Site No. 179 & ; South by: Site No. 117.**

MR. G.N. HARISH, Advocate,
312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross,
VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.
DATE : 25-05-2022 BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri.MANJUNATH.B.R. S/o Late.B.N.Ramaswamy,** intends to purchase and entered into agreement of sale on 13-05-2022 with **Sri.G.Nagaraj, Janakamma, Bharathi @ Kalavathi.G, and Pavan and Kiran** all are No.132, 15th Cross, 4th Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwara nagara, Bangalore-79, in respect of Immoveable Residential Site bearing Municipal No. 05, PID No.16-53-5 (New PID No.075-M0038-66), situated at **Kamanalangara, West Of Chord Road, Bangalore,** BBMP Division 75, earlier 16, earlier the property situated at **Bangalore North Taluk, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Saneguruvanahalli Village Sy.No.24, Site No.05,** measuring East to West 30-00 Feet, North to South 40-00 Feet, Totally measuring 1200Sq..ft. along with 10 Square RCC ad ACC Sheet roofed buildng and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.06, West by: property No.4, North by : Property belongs to private Society, South by : Road,

If anybody has got objections or claims may file their objections along with documents and evidence proofs to the undersigned within **Ten days** from the date of publication of this notice.

V.G.Manjunath. Advocates,
No.17/3, 1st Floor,
Tumkur Road, T. Dasarahalli,
Bangalore-560 057.
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KEYWORD

Glass cliff

A phenomenon that explains how women are promoted to leadership positions during times when an organisation is underperforming, ensuring their failure.

THE GIST

- The term 'Glass Cliff' was coined by researchers from the University of Exeter after studying the disparity between the promotion of men and women in corporate organisations. They found that women were more likely to be promoted to higher positions when the company was performing poorly. By doing this, women were set up for failure.
- The Glass cliff is a phenomenon that reinforces stereotypes about women not being ideal in leadership positions.
- When situations of stress occur, women are preferred over men. This 'think crisis think female' theory perceives women to possess the qualities that help them deal with stressful situations better than men.

REBECCA ROSE VARGHESE

The term 'Glass Cliff' was coined by researchers from the University of Exeter, United Kingdom after studying the disparity between the promotion of men and women in corporate organisations. They looked at the 100 companies included in the Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Index and found that women were more likely to be promoted to higher positions when the company was performing poorly or going through a crisis. By doing this, women were set up for failure which was likened to standing at the edge of a cliff.

Origins of the term

On November 11, 2003, an article titled, 'Women on board: help or hindrance?' was published in *The [London] Times*, where author Elizabeth Judge claimed that despite all the discourse on breaking the glass ceiling, women's participation as members in London's boardrooms worsened the companies, especially its share price performance. She came to the conclusion that appointing more women to company boards was detrimental to an organisation's performance.

It was this article that prompted Michelle Ryan and Alexander Haslam from the University of Exeter to study the phenomenon in 2005. Taking the sample of 19 companies in the London FTSE 100 that appointed male and female board members in 2003 and looking at their performance five months before and three months after board appointments, it was found that there was greater variability in company performance preceding and following the appointment of a woman. It was also found that women were appointed as board members mostly during an overall market slump or when the company was experiencing turbulence or when there was a decline in performance. Men, on the other hand, were appointed when the company was relatively stable, making sure that their success rates as board members or in higher positions were better. Thus, counter to Judge's claims, the appointment of women was not related to the decline in company performance. The study further showed that , even during times of crisis, womens' appointment to leadership positions despite its precariousness and risk, proved positive for the company, because in many cases its performance improved.

Made a scapegoat

The glass cliff is a phenomenon that reinforces stereotypes about women not being ideal in leadership positions. Although glass cliff mainly refers to the obstacles faced by women, the term also applies to the challenges faced by minorities and other marginalised groups when promoted to leadership roles. The phenomenon occurs in many different fields, including finance, politics, technology, and academia. When a company is performing poorly, it is associated with bad press, financial difficulties, and the need to restructure. During such periods, the company protects its male employees and promotes female employees to leadership positions. By promoting women, the company seems progressive but also sets them up for failure. Further, when the company fails to succeed, women can be replaced with their male counterparts, with the company also having a scapegoat to blame for their failures.

Despite circumstances and studies that show that precarious positions do not necessarily appeal to women compared to men, women are more likely to take up these leadership roles because they rarely get other opportunities for advancement. Men, on the other hand, tend to turn down risky roles, as they are sure to get better opportunities for leadership positions elsewhere or when the companies return to stability.

One of the notable examples of the phenomenon was when Marissa Mayer was appointed as the CEO of Yahoo! in 2012 after the company lost significant market share to Google. Despite the condition of the company in which she took over, when she resigned in 2017 after failing to improve the company's performance, critics attributed the failure of the company to her performance and effort, rather than to the environment in which she was promoted. She was later replaced by Thomas McInerny, a white male.

Theories behind the effect

There are many possible explanations as to why this effect prevails. One of the theories explains that when situations of stress or crises occur, women are preferred over men. This 'think crisis think female' theory perceives women to possess the qualities that help them deal with stressful situations better than men. Since stressful situations involve emotional management, women who are assumed to be better managers of people's feelings and problems, are expected to make better leaders during such periods.

Contrasting this, the 'think crisis think not men' theory explains how women are perceived to be less valuable than men, making it easier for the companies to throw them under the bus.

A third theory explains how when a company is going through a crisis, bringing about a significant change in its structure can hold positive connotations. Thus, in order to signal a drastic change, especially to their relevant stakeholders, women or people from minority communities are promoted to positions of leadership as it deviates from the conventional idea of leadership.

While the 'glass ceiling effect' hinders women and people from minority communities from advancing in their careers after a certain level in various organisations, the 'glass cliff effect' ensures that even when promoted, the leadership positions given to these groups are during periods of crisis, so that the company can look progressive and yet replace and blame them for the underperformance of the organisation. Both processes thus, help maintain the status quo and prevent women and members of minority communities from reaching positions of leadership.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning. Why are you late today?"

"Well, there was a procession and buses were prevented to ply. That's why I am late, sir."

"I see. I am sorry buses were prevented *from* plying. You are prevented *from* doing something.

I was prevented from going to office yesterday.

He was prevented from meeting her.

They prevented him from entering the office when the Manager was away."

"What's the difference between 'specially' and 'especially", sir?"

"Specially" means "for one purpose and no other."

I have brought these mangoes specially for you.

He came specially to attend the function.

I have come specially to meet you.

'Especially' means 'to an exceptional degree.'

I like Hyderabad, especially in winter.

He is kind to all his students, especially the weak ones.

I enjoy reading novels, especially American novels of this century.'

"Is it 'plain silly' or 'plainly silly' sir"

"Plainly silly" means 'obviously silly'.

What he says is plainly silly.

'Plain silly' means 'nothing but silly'.

There is no sense in it at all. It is plain silly."

"Which is correct sir? 'My last week's article' or 'my article of last week'?

"Both are correct. But they are not the same. 'My last week's article' means your article is one of a series. Your article appears every week. You are referring specifically to that article that appeared last week. 'My article of last week' means you wrote an article and it was published last week. It was not part of a series. This is the difference. I hope you understand."

"Yes, sir. What is the meaning of 'tantalise' sir??"

"To tantalise" is 'to torment with unobtainable prospects'. Suppose your child is ill. Others at home eat ice cream and there is plenty of ice cream. But the child can't eat it. The child sees ice cream being eaten but it can't have it. This is a tantalising situation. Ice cream is there but is beyond the reach of the child. You can think of a better illustration.

In Greek mythology, Tantalus was the son of Zeus and Pluto. He was thrown into a river in Hades as he had revealed the secrets of the gods to human beings. When he tried to drink, the waters receded from him. The fruit on the branches above him became beyond his reach when he wanted them. Hence 'tantalise' has come to mean 'to excite a hope and disappoint it'. Well let's call it a day. Goodbye."

"Thank you sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

On May 25, 1961, then U.S. President John F. Kennedy announced the goal of sending an American to the Moon before the end of the decade. Here is a quiz on space and space programmes from across the world.

1 What was the first human spaceflight programme of the U.S. that launched its first astronaut, Alan Shepard, on a suborbital flight called?

2 NASA launched a space probe in 2018 with the mission of making observations of the outer corona of the Sun. What is it called?

3 Kalpana Chawla was the first woman of Indian origin to go to space. In February 2003, at the end of its final flight, the spacecraft disintegrated during its re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing Chawla and six other crew members. What is the name of the spacecraft?

4 This satellite was a collaborative project between NASA, the U.K.'s SERC, and the European Space Agency, primarily designed to take UV electromagnetic spectrum. What is this satellite called?

5 Explorer 1 was the first satellite launched by the U.S. in 1958. What is the name of the American space launch vehicle used to launch Explorer 1?

6 This was the first human spaceflight mission of the Chinese space programme, launched in 2003. With this mission, China became the third country in the world to independently launch human spaceflight. What was the mission called?

7 This was the first U.S. space station, launched by NASA. Unable to be re-boosted by the Space Shuttle, the station's orbit eventually decayed and disintegrated in the atmosphere. What was the name of the space station?

◄ She is known for being the youngest woman in space, having flown a solo mission in 1963. Identify her.

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the daily quiz: 1. The name of the system, under which Alexandrina Victoria was brought up, devised by John Conroy. **Ans: Kensington System**

2. The year in which Queen Victoria ascended the throne. **Ans: June 1837, four weeks after turning 18**

3. The number of sons and daughters of Queen Victoria. **Ans: Four boys and five girls**

4. The year in which Queen Victoria officially become the Empress of India. **Ans: 1876**

5. Queen Victoria's first Prime Minister and her close friend. **Ans: Lord Melbourne**

6. The common thread between Edward Oxford, John Francis, John William Bean, and Robert Pate. **Ans: They all tried to assassinate Victoria during her long reign**

7. The wedding apparel which became a status symbol after Victoria and Albert's nuptials. **Ans: The white wedding dress**

8. Queen Victoria's eldest son and heir. **Ans: Edward VII (born Albert Edward)**

Visual: The State capital where this Victoria Public Hall is located. **Ans: Chennai**

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WEDNESDAY, MAY. 25	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:40
RISE 02:19	SET 14:35
THURSDAY, MAY. 26	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:41
RISE 02:57	SET 15:24
FRIDAY, MAY. 27	
RISE 05:53	SET 18:41
RISE 03:34	SET 16:12

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	33	25
Mysuru	33	21
Bengaluru	31	22

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be slight warm but humid. Night will be pleasant. Chances of moderate rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be comfortable. Spell of rain and thundershower to occur.

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Baragur refutes Minister's charge on 'abandoning' lessons

Nagesh is spreading misinformation and misleading the State, he says

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Writer and former chairperson of the textbook revision committee, Baragur Ramachandrappa, has hit out at Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh for his allegations that the committee headed by him had "abandoned" lessons on Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Maharaja of Mysore, Sangolli Rayanna, Rani Abbakka, Kumepu, and others.

He also released a video on the right methodology of revising textbooks.

Baragur Ramachandrappa

"The Minister is spreading misinformation and is misleading the State. The Minister should preserve the dignity of the education sector," he said.

Prof. Ramachandrappa released a clarification on YouTube and explained in detail how the articles and poems of Kuvempu and material related to Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and others were there in previous textbooks.

Prof. Ramachandrappa further said that for each and every subject, they had a total of 27 committees and there were 172 experts. Each committee had a chairman.

"In addition to these committees, we have had more than 30 consultations with teachers associations, DIET principals, subject experts, curriculum experts, and others," he added. "We revised all the textbooks within the framework of the national curriculum, the State curriculum, and the Constitution. Before I became the chairperson of that committee, I clearly told the Minister concerned that the Congressisation is not the solution to saffronisation," he said.

'Students should lead agitation against saffronisation of textbooks'

CM should intervene and sack head of textbook revision committee: Vishwanath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Member of Legislation Council (MLC) from the BJP A.H. Vishwanath has called for an agitation against saffronisation of school textbooks, across the State.

Addressing a press conference, he said, "In the name of revision, the State government is trying to saffronise school textbooks. Across the State there are more than 35 universities. Students should take the lead against such saffronisation," he told.

He said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai should immediately intervene on this matter and sack Rohit Chakrathirtha from the post of the head of textbook revision committee. "The government should reject the revised textbooks and appoint a new chairman to that committee," Mr. Vishwanath has demanded.

A.H. Vishwanath

Statewide protest
Meanwhile, the Dalit Organisations' Federation has threatened a Statewide protest against the government, if the revised textbooks are not withdrawn. Kannada activist and president of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike T.A. Narayana Gowda has also demanded immediate intervention of the Chief Minister and resolve the problem.

"Such incidents are happening for the first time in the history of Karnataka and this is degrading our State's reputation," he said.

"Writers like Devanur Mahadeva, Baragur Ramachandrappa, and others are asset of the State and the pride of Karnataka. If they are being insulted by the government, Karave will never tolerate," Mr. Narayana Gowda said.

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that the State government has erred in appointing a person who had "insulted the State anthem" on social media platforms as the textbook review committee chairperson.

Without taking the name of Rohit Chakrathirtha, the current chairman of the textbook revision committee, he said that they would not keep quiet if Jnanpith awardee Kuvempu or the State anthem is insulted. "He should be first put behind bars for insulting Kuvempu and State anthem. The government arrests people over some tweets, but a person who has insulted the great writer has been made chairperson of textbook committee," he said.

Rising medical expenses add to financial stress of citizens

PHANA says costs up by 30% both for patients and hospitals

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Ragashree Gnanesh, whose aged mother needs regular follow-up with a specialist for her recurring health problems, has been finding it increasingly difficult to cope with medical expenses. The salary she gets as a contract employee in a private firm is not keeping pace with the rising medical costs.

According to data, health inflation in urban areas shot up from 9.12% in January 2022 to 11.64% in March.

"One visit to the hospital costs me not less than ₹4,500. I have to shell out ₹900 towards the consultation fee alone. Even a few basic investigations and monthly medicine are becoming difficult now," she said.

"Although I have a small medical insurance, I cannot use it for out-patient department visits. With a substantial increase in the cost of living too, medical expenses are turning out to be a huge burden on us," she said.

According to data from the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), health inflation in urban areas shot up from 9.12% in January, 2022, to 11.64% in March.

Although it marginally reduced to 10.81% in April, the overall combined health inflation rate has seen almost a two-fold rise compared to last year.

C.N. Manjunath, director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, said the rising costs of medical expenses is actually a cascading effect of inflation in all other sectors. "A sharp surge in fuel, transportation, power and licensing fees to be paid by hospitals is turning out to be costly for the health facilities making it inevitable for them to pass on the additional burden to patients," he said.

INFLATION IMPACT

"The costs of many medical equipment including implants and consumables that are imported has shot up significantly with the rupee falling against dollar. Cardiology and radiology investigations and interventions (angiogram, angioplasties and CT scans) have become costlier by over 20% as the prices of iodine based contrast dye used in these procedures have gone up. Besides, the prices of medicines have also been increased by nearly 10%," Dr. Manjunath said.

H.M. Prasanna, president of the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA), said overall, costs have gone up by 30% both for patients and hospitals.

"The costs of basic drugs and consumables including nitrile gloves and sanitisers have shot up exorbitantly. In fact, these consumables that were in high demand during COVID-19 were available at a lesser price then," he said.

"A pair of nitrile gloves that we bought at ₹2.5 during COVID-19 now costs ₹4.5. Likewise, the cost of sanitiser has gone up from ₹250 per litre during COVID-19 to ₹500 per litre now," he said.

Besides, the per annum consent fee based on capital investment for hospitals (whose capital investment is between ₹50 crore and ₹1,000 crore) has been hiked in the range of 33% to 900%.

This is under the Karnataka State Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution (Procedure for Transaction of Business) and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Rules, 2021. Salary component of hospital administration has gone up significantly.

"For a small hospital with 80 beds, the consent fee hike is 300%. This has been raised without scientific calculation and we are being charged a percentage of our investments," he said, justifying higher service charges.

Ravindra R., Medical Director of Suguna Hospital, said the costs of all maintenance contracts (annual and comprehensive) of equipment has also been hiked.

Power shutdown

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In view of emergency work being undertaken for vertical clearance of existing 220 kV MC Mylasandra-Yarandahally lines, there will be no power supply from May 28 to 30 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to a press release from Bescom, Chandapura division, the areas to be affected are: 220/66 II KV Jigani MUSS: Jigani, Kallubalu, Bukkasagara, Vaderamanchanahally, Haragadde, Madapattana, Mahanthalingapura and surrounding areas.

Conductor booked for 'kicking' passenger

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bagalagunte police have registered a case against a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus conductor for allegedly kicking a woman passenger over a trivial row at Dasarahalli bus stop in the early hours of Tuesday.

The victim, Sirajunnisa and her two children were travelling from Koppa in Chikkamagaluru to Bengaluru.

The bus reached Dasarahalli bus stop around 4.45 a.m. and Sirajunnisa delayed getting down with her children and luggage.

Irked by this, the conductor Ravi Kumar humiliated and hurled abuses at her. A heated argument ensued and in the melee, the accused kicked her, the police said. Shocked by this, the victim, accompanied by her relatives, approached the police and filed a complaint.

Assault case
The police have registered a case of assault against the accused and detained him for questioning.

The passenger said, "I was travelling from Koppa with my two kids. When the Dasarahalli stop came, I could not immediately spot the slippers and kids were sleeping. Because of this, I took some time to get down from the bus. The conductor yelled at me saying that he was getting late. When I was getting down from the bus, the conductor kicked me in the face and stomach. The other passengers who got down with me also objected to the way he treated us."

The KSRTC has suspended the conductor for allegedly misbehaving with the passenger.

Email on Gyanvapi mosque sent without screening: School

It was sent to the alumni stirring a row

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Following the furore over an email to alumni asking 'Hindu brothers and sisters to change the location of Gyanvapi mosque to Gyanvapi temple on Google Maps', New Horizon Public School in Bengaluru has released a statement saying that the school 'embraces diversity' and the 'e-mail was sent without proper screening that is required of all our email communication'.

Criticised
The email was sent to alumni three days ago. It gave detailed instructions on how to change the location of Gyanvapi mosque to Gyanvapi temple in Varanasi.

Many alumni had criticised the school for the email on social media platforms.

A statement put out by New Horizon Public School.

Suraj Sudarshan said, "As a school, you should be promoting secularism! You should not be sending out sensitive mails like this."

Karthika Namboothiri said, "My former school in Bengaluru has the audacity to send us emails to fan religious hatred and division. I am ashamed of them."

Many alumni had come down heavily on using the educational institution as a platform for political activity, especially divisive communal politics.

"...This email shows a turn into hard Hindutva that's unsafe for all," tweeted independent journalist Rohini Mohan, also an alumnus of the school.

"The email I got was very disturbing, and I have written back to the school condemning the same," said a senior advocate and alumni of the school.

On Instagram
The official Instagram page of the school, where the institution posted the clarification about the email on May 23 night, also has posts which indicate that a mandatory screening of the film *Kashmir Files* was organised for its staff in March 2022, and tickets were organised for all students.

Among other things, the school had posted celebratory messages about 'Ram Mandir' and its 'Bhoomi Puja; in August 2020.

The clarification issued on Instagram stated: "We take pride in the cultural and religious diversity of India. We practice the same in letter and spirit every day with everything we do at our school."

Police on lookout for man who wrote 'sorry' on school's wall and stairs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Kamakshipalya police are on the lookout for a man who wrote 'sorry' on the stairs, walls and road leading to Shanthidhama School with spray paint in red.

Residents were shocked on Tuesday to see 'sorry' written everywhere and alerted the police.

Initial probe revealed that the incident occurred between 11 a.m. and noon. Two young men came on a motorcycle with a food delivery bag and wrote 'sorry' using spray paint, they said. The police suspect that it could be the handiwork of a spurned lover.

The stairs and wall of Shanthidhama school.
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FROM PAGE ONE

Eight killed in road accident

The accident occurred at 11.45 p.m. on Monday when the driver of the bus tried to overtake a tractor on the two-lane bypass road, lost control and hit the truck.

The bus was heading to Bengaluru from Kolhapur in Maharashtra. Initially, sources put the number of injured at 24 and now, as per official data, 26 persons have been injured. Although the truck fell over the tractor due to the impact of the collision, fortunately, none in the tractor were injured.

Meanwhile, some among the injured were taken to Kolhapur for further treatment. Director of KIMS Hospital Ramalingappa Antaratani told presspersons that of the total 26 admitted in the hospital, 15 were taken to Kolhapur by their family members for hospitalisation there and the rest were being treated at KIMS Hospital. Of these, five patients were discharged later, Dr. Antaratani added.

The Hubballi-Dharwad Bypass Road has often in been in news for the wrong reasons, as a series of road accidents have taken place on the narrow road killing several which made even the Supreme Court to seek a report from the State Government.

National conference on nurturing business creativity from tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A two-day national conference on 'Nurturing business creativity and innovations for sustainable development' will be held from Thursday. The conference will provide a platform for nurturing new ideas for competitive advantage for sustainability through presentation of research papers from students, research scholars and academicians. The conference will be held at H.N. Auditorium, Jnanabharathi campus, Bangalore University, Mysore Road, from 10.30 a.m. onwards.

Government of Tamil Nadu
Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple, Palani

Fasli 1432 - Tender Notice

Notice seeking tenders for the Procuring Panchamirtham raw materials for the Fasli year 1432 to Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple, Palani Taluk, Dindigul District.

1. Date and place of issue of Tender Form: Temple Office from **25.05.2022 to 23.06.2022 till 5.00 pm**, 2. Last day and Date for the receipt of tender: **24.06.2022 - before 1.00 p.m.**, 3. Date and time of opening of the received tenders: **24.06.2022 - 3.00 p.m.**, 4. Venue of Tender opening: **Temple, Head Office.**

Subject

Item 1: 1. Karpuravalli Banana, 2. Poovan Banana of First Class Quality for the 4 months in Fasli 1432 (November, December, January, and February Only)

Item 2: 1. Karpuravalli Banana, 2. Malai Banana, 3 Kotakunnalai Banana of First Class Quality for the 8 months in Fasli 1432 (July, August, September, October, March, April, May & June Only)

Tender Deposit Amount Rs. & Solvency Value Rs. Sl.No. (1 & 2) **25,00,000/-**

Value of Tender Schedule Rs. Sl.No. (1 & 2) **15,000/- GST 1800/-**

Tender Details and free tender schedule are available in the following websites **http://www.hrce.tn.gov.in (or) http://palanimurugan.hrce.tn.gov.in (or) http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

DIPR/2473/TENDER/2022 **Joint Commissioner/ Executive Officer**

"சொல்லை கட்டிப் வைத்திரு தலைவா, எழுதை புரிந்து எரித்திரு மடப்போம்."

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call 2)

Percentage rate tender are invited by the under signed on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL Bengaluru from eligible KPWD Civil Class I and above contractors for the following work. Details as below.

1) No of works : **1**, 2) Amount put to tender : Rs 78,33,620.00, 3) EMD Rs 78,340.00, 4) The bidder can access to the e-tender document in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. **24.05.2022 at 11.00AM**, 5) Last date for submission of tender document through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. **02.06.2022 Up to 4.00 PM**, 6) Date of opening of technical bid Part-I : **03.06.2022 At 4.15 PM**, 7) The Date of opening of Financial Bid Part-II. : **08.06.2022 at 11.00 AM**

Further information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No 08472-220590) and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in . All other terms and conditions as per original notification.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/192/MC&A/2022-23 **SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KNNL IPC Division-1, GULBARGA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client **Sarangapani Murali and Kanchana Murali** is intending to purchase the immovable property bearing Municipal No.40, having BBMP PID No. 100-834-40, Ward No. 18, carved out land bearing Sy No. 10/6 of Nagashetty halli Village, Kadaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 67 feet and North to South 31+44/2 feet totally measuring 2512.5 bounded on East by: 20 feet Road, West by: Rathnamma's Property, North by: Lakshmamma, South by: NTI compound from its **Owner Smt. AMBIKA.K**

If anybody or any authority having any right, title, claims, interest or objection over the same, may file their objections over the same, may file their objection with documents to below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of this public notice. Failing which my client will proceed to purchase the above said property by treating no one has objections in respect of the said properties.

Sd/- JALANDHARA, Advocate
No.4, Bhoopasandra Main Road, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560 044. Mob: 9845351580

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. VENKATESH RAO K, S/o Late. K. Sadananda Rao** intends to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. RAJESWARI R NATH W/o. Sri. M. Ravindranath** who had purchased the same through a registered sale deed **dated 23-12-1988** which is registered as **No. 12335/88-89 in Book-1, Volume: 3019** at **pages 120 to 125** in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore executed by **Sri. M Anandaiah** who had earlier purchased the same under a **sale deed dated 14-09-1984** registered as **No. 3701/84-85 in Book-1, Volume No. 2161** at **pages 129-132** in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore executed by **Sri. Narasimhaiah @ Doddanarasimhaiah.**

It is therefore requested that the general public who have any claim over the schedule property or objection for the proposed purchase shall lodge such claim/objection in writing with supporting documents with the undersigned within fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice. If no such claim or objection is received, my client will complete the deal as proposed. Time barred objection if any will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing **No. 18, present BBMP Khata Sl. No. 3139 Khata No. 242/2A/18/114, previously Khanaeshmari No. 242, earlier No. 18/114 of Uttarahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** measuring **East to West: 45 feet, North to South: 30 feet, bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 17, South by: Site No. 19**

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O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, T.S.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Name of Work: Manufacture, supply, delivery, installation, activation and commissioning of Smart Meters - Ultrasonic type meters with automatic meter reading using LoRaWAN for consumers for 25mm dia and above sizes (the meters are confirming to ISO 4064: 2014 with latest amendments with OIML-R49 and CE marking/ MID (Measuring instruments Directive) 2014/32/EU certification mark with valid Life Cycle Test Certificate from FCRI (Fluid Control Research Institute) and protection class of IP 68) in HMWSSB jurisdiction for the automatic acquisition of data from meters, data maintenance and O&M meters for 5 years.

Sl No.	e-Tender No. & date.	ECV Amount in Rs.
1	EP.No.27/CGM(E)/Rev.Circle/AMR- LoRaWAN/2022-23, Dt:24.05.2022	Rs.1,54,10,450.00
2	EP.No.28/CGM(E)/Rev.Circle/AMR- LoRaWAN/2022-23, Dt:24.05.2022	Rs.1,59,65,657.00
3	EP.No.29/CGM(E)/Rev.Circle/AMR- LoRaWAN/2022-23, Dt:24.05.2022	Rs.1,63,66,009.00
4	EP.No.30/CGM(E)/Rev.Circle/AMR- LoRaWAN/2022-23, Dt:24.05.2022	Rs.1,53,40,510.00

1) Bid details & document will be available in the website **https://tender.telangana.gov.in through online from Dated: 25-05-2022 @ 10.30 AM** and **Bid submission Last Date and Time Date: 08.06.2022 @ 01:00 PM.**

2) Name & address of the tender inviting authority: **Chief General Manager (E), Revenue Circle, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 500004, Phone No (Land Line): 040-23433933, Ext. 617.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, T.S.

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No.RGHCL/02/CDP02/2018 Date: 23.05.2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement Portal Only)

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited, Department of Housing, Government of Karnataka is inviting the short term tender from eligible bidders in two parts bid systems (Technical & Financial Bid) for the "Purchase of 1 No. of RACK SERVER, 3 No's of Microsoft Visual Studio 2019 Standard and 1No. of Microsoft SQL Server 2019 Standard" through e-Procurement. The details are available at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date for submission of bid is **09.06.2022 up to 17:30Hrs.**

DIPR/CP/Jagadale Advertising/634/2022-23 **Sd/- General Manager (PI)**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-4, Solid Waste Management, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002

No.: EE-4(SWM)/TEND/03/2022-23 Date: 24.05.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (CALL-3)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Only)
The Executive Engineer-4, Solid Waste Management, BBMP invites proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for **Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR)** for the project detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Package-7	EMD
1	Providing consultancy service for preparation of detailed project report for the work of conducting survey of waste generator (Block Mapping) and conducting digital mapping along with state of SWM study with recommendation for all 198 wards.	Rs. 10,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of RFP document: **25.05.2022** onwards. **(2)** Last date for uploading the filled proposals: **02.06.2022** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Technical proposals: **04.06.2022** upto **4:30 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of Financail proposals: **After approval of Technical proposals through e-procurement.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer-4, Solid Waste Management, BBMP

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No.PCB/117/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/1338 Dated: 23.05.2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Sri Ramareddeppa has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 66,882 TPA (Open cast semi mechanized method) over an area of 6-00 acres at Sy. No.53 (Part), Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk & District. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 593 MIN 2021 dated: 14.01.2022 and request of the project proponent letter received on 16.02.2022 at Head Office, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. **Name of the Company & Address: Sri Ramareddeppa, S/o, Nagareddeppa Reddar, H. No. 1/29, Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk &District, Karnataka.**
2. **Proposed Location of Quarry: Sy. No.53 (Part), Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk & District, Karnataka.**
3. **Details of proposed activity: Quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 66,882 TPA**
4. **Pollution control measures proposed:** Chemical Toilet will be provided for the disposal of domestic waste water generated from quarry office. Rainwater collected during the rainy season in the mine will be used for dust suppression and plantation. Regular sprinkling of water on haul and access roads. Regular maintenance of all equipment to minimize particulate matter and gaseous emissions from diesel engines. Plantation of thick greenbelt is provided around lease area boundary and it acts as a barrier to restrict fugitive emissions.
5. **Date, Time and Venue of Environmental Public Hearing: 24.06.2022 (Friday) at 11.00AM, Sy.No. 53 (Part), Kolur Village, Koppal Taluk & District, Karnataka.**
6. **Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal. (c) District Industries Centre, Koppal. (d) Taluk Panchayath, Koppal (e) Village Panchayath Office, Kolur. (f) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal. (g) SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru–560 001(h) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru–01

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Member Secretary

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DMA/2021-22/WORK INDENT NO.130377/Call-2 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23-05-2022

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ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಕೆಲಸದ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂಪಾಯಿ
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-1/22-23/1700-701 Date : 23-05-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/EPR-24/CALL-01 Dtd: 23-05-2022** for the work of increasing vertical clearance, strengthening by providing double string insulators of 66kV & 220kV Transmission lines passing over the school / premises in the jurisdiction of BMAZ South Circle on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-procurement - KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **25-05-2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (M), BMAZ South Circle, 'A' Station Premises, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, Anandrao Circle, Bengaluru-560009

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA970SGC001919

No.: A7 M1 A/Tender/317 Date: 21.05.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two cover system)(Through e-Procurement portal only)

E-tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible bidders for Supply of following materials as per enclosed technical specifications for Kali & GDPH projects of KPCL with the following tender Nos. **1) KADRA/MRP57/G/21-22/2027/CALL-3,** Remote temperature indicator digital tap position indicator, oil level transmitters, pressure gauge etc., EMD: **Rs. 7,600/-. 2) KADRA/MRP57/G/21-22/2031/CALL-3,** Electrical items such as Control fuses, hooters, LED indicators etc., EMD: **Rs. 10,000/-. 3) KADRA/MRP56/G/21-22/2013/CALL-3,** Electrical items such as Cooling tier fans, water level controller, miniature circuit breaker etc., EMD: **Rs. 3,000/-. 4) NPH/MRP65/G/21-22/2314/CALL-4,** 11KV bushing,1.1KV LV bushing 2000Amps, 1.1KV Neutral bushing, 11KV HV support Insulator and 10MVA HV Neutral bushing of any Reputed /Equivalent make. EMD: **Rs. 3,250/-. 5) KPCL/2021-22/IND5161/CALL-3,** 3 Phase UV/OV Relay, DC under voltage Relay, Auto Synch Relay, TTB block-C, Control Relays, PT for open delta, CTs, PTs, Voltage transformers, Volt meter. EMD: **Rs. 12,086/-. 6) NPH/MRP66/G/21-22/ 2294/CALL-3,** 96KV Lightening arrester 198KV lighting arrestor, 15KV grade 45KN disc insulator, 110KV CVT, Surge monitor for 110KV LA of any Reputed / Equivalent make. **EMD: Rs. 30,000/-.** Last date of submission of bids upto: **03.06.2022 at 17:00Hrs.** Date and time of opening of Tenders on: **06.06.2022 at 10:30Hrs.** Tenders shall be submitted in e-procurement portal only. Tender processing fee should be paid online through e-procurement portal. If any details required may contact **Executive Engineer(MSP)A, KPCL, KHEP, Ambikanagar-581 363. N.K. District.** Ph. No.: **08284 258681,** Mobile: **9449599113,** e-mail: **eemspa@gmail.com.**

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,

No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.1/T.No.05/2022-23 Dt: 21.05.2022

Invitation For Short term Tenders (IFT) KW.1,2 & 3 e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in One & Two cover system for Class-4 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 04 work under 8443: Deposit Contribution, 5054- ORF and 5054- TSP Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.14.73 Lakhs, Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.89.20 Lakhs, Min EMD Amt Rs.25,000/-, Max EMD Amt Rs.1,78,400/-)

1. Last date for tender information queries: **06.06.2022** : 16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender: **08.06.2022** : 16.00. 3. Date of opening the Technical bid. (More than Rs.50.00Lc): **09.06.2022** : 16.30 4. Date of opening the Financial bid. (More than Rs.50.00Lc): **13.06.2022** : 16.30. 5. Date of opening the Financial bid. (Less than Rs.50.00Lc): **09.06.2022** : 16.30. **Note:** Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

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ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

I. ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ ಪುರಸಭೆ/ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಲೋಡರ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ಸ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು Karnataka Municipalities (Recruitment of Loaders and Cleaners in City Municipal Councils, Town Municipal Councils & Town Panchayats) (Special) Rules 2021 ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಅಥವಾ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.06.2022** ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು	ಇತರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ
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I. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ.

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I, PRASHANTI MUKUND, D / o. M. Mohan Rao, R/o 'Mukund', #8, 2nd Cross, Ashwathnagar, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore 560094 have updated my minor daughter's name from Mugdha Ambarish to Mugdha Mukund for all Communication, Documentations and all Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANKITA PANGUL Alias Ankita Shekhar Pangul alias Pangul Ankita Shekhar D/o Shekhar Fakkirao Pangul, R/o: 32, 6th Cross, Bangiore, Byatarayanapura, Banglore North, Bengaluru-560092, hereby undertake that I want to change my name to Yudhhir Shekhar Pangul and gender as male.I, Ankita Pangul alias Ankita Shekhar Pangul alias Pangul Ankita Shekhar henceforth be Known as Yudhhir Shekhar Pangul S/o Shekhar Fakkirao Pangul

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Are you hitting workplace ageism for six?

Taking a cue from Dinesh Karthik's age-defying performance, corporates can build flesh-and-blood narratives to deal with this issue

PRINCE FREDERICK

At the ripe, old cricketing age of 36, Dinesh Karthik (DK) has thrashed open the door to the Indian national team, on the strength of almost-preternatural exploits as "finisher" for Royal Challengers Bangalore in IPL 2022. In sports, where age is measured by reflexes, "senility" and retirement dawn early. Ageism is therefore inevitable, and a form of it, even healthy and acceptable. With a strike rate of 191 and an average of 57.40 and turnaround performances sustained over 14 matches, DK has become a folk-hero in cricketing terms, because these figures do not usually go with ageing muscles in a format as fraught as T20. While bludgeoning hapless bowlers over the ropes for massive sixes, he was parallelly hitting a stereotype out of the park. At least for some time to come, DK (who in fact turns 37 on June 1) will be a reminder that the axe cannot be wielded indiscriminately, certainly not with just the age factor forcing the hand. DK has created new synapses in how the cricketing brain processes age.

The question waiting for an answer: How to create similar synapses in the corporate brain?

Sports performances being played out in the glare of public and media attention, amplification is automatic and immediate. It is just a tweet and a signal away. In organisations, it calls for a strong will from the management to amplify performances of this kind that buck expectations, particularly where the focus is largely on building young professionals, young teams and young leaders.

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Now, in the corporate environment, age-related inclusion hardly receives the height of attention it deserves, and generational stereotypes are allowed to smoulder on. The stereotypes are a double-edged sword, hurting all generations, as they may come in the way of teams – and by extension, the organisation – achieving performance-enhancing synergy between experimentation and experience, caution and derring-do, contrasting but essential features in any sphere.

Sonica Aron, managing partner and founder, Marching Sheep, notes that as "the workplace configuration is evolving with the increase in the number of millennials and zillennials in the workforce," it is time to address dated stereotypes that have long outstayed their welcome.

"Most organisations have started taking cognisance of this phenomenon, and with initiatives such as reverse mentoring, cross-functional and cross-generational project teams and non-work related interactions," they seem to be countering it, she elaborates.

However, Sonica points out, that structurally, ageism is still stubbornly present and is only growing in intensity, largely fuelled by overarching youth-centric culture in the wider world. However, if unaddressed, it would form a vicious cycle, where the beneficiaries of the bias will become its victims with the passage of time. Sonica elaborates: "Ageism does raise its ugly head: Where employees above a certain age bracket find themselves against a gender-neutral glass ceiling in organisations; and very often, while looking for a job, at closed doors. This perception of recruiter or hiring managers needs to be questioned and addressed or we will be seeing a growing population of older millennials and Generation X who would be kept out of employment simply because of mindsets."

Bhavishya Sharma, managing director & founder, Athena Executive Search & Consulting, weighs in: "We today have many firms with multi-billion dollar valuations and the entire management team is still in their twenties.

This is acting as a natural barrier for Gen X and Baby Boomer professionals. It is quite interesting as a search professional to see how job descriptions have shifted from 'not less than X years of experience' to 'ideally not more than 45 years'."

Sangeeta Malkhede, senior vice-president and global head of HR, GAVS Technologies, believes that for generational integration to be sustained and produce best results, it has to be driven by a carefully-honed organisational culture.

Sangeeta elaborates: "At any given time, three generations will form the major part of a workforce. Balanced, sustainable and continuous growth in any organisation is possible only if the three generations are sufficiently represented in every team.

So, age-based inclusion begins at the very beginning: at the hiring stage itself. There should be a conscious effort to hire talent from the three generations, and once on board, these three should be integrated through an organisational culture fostered by the management and the HR."

How the ancients countered it

Moral hand-me-downs, folk tales are a major component in social, political and also professional engineering. Yes, professional engineering.

Among folk tales from different countries classified under Type 981 – on the Aarne-Thompson-Uther Index – one theme stands out: How old men got their "jobs" and "lives" back.

Here is the recurrent plot. A young populace bays for the blood of seniors, labelling them a liability, and whispers the damning conclusion in the young king's ear. The elderly are thrust into social isolation, and some are even put to the sword. Concurrently, the nation is up against a crisis, usually a famine.

The young advisors come up with bush-league solutions, and the king is unimpressed. An old man – usually, in hiding – offers wise counsel, sparing the nation a catastrophe. The king realises his folly in promoting ageism and frees all the seniors.

Does this theme find resonance in corporate corridors?

How to reject a candidate in the best possible way

A thoughtfully-crafted letter can leave a lasting impression on the applicant

LIFFY THOMAS

Recently on LinkedIn, a senior software engineer vented out his frustration over being denied a feedback from an employer he had sat across for an interview. It took some coaxing on his part to be told that he was "technically not sound" and hence, rejected.

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In the post, the professional noted that genuine feedback protects the trust prospective employees have in an organisation.

Rejection letters are not easy to accept, and well-crafted ones strike the right note between encouragement and honesty.

The good ones not only deliver the bad news, but also what caused it. A couple of samples: "We have identified a candidate whose skillset more closely aligns with this position's requirements. Therefore, we will not be moving forward with your application".

"We have reviewed the qualifications of all candidates for this position and, while your experience and accomplishments are impressive, the qualifications of other candidates match the specific needs of this position more closely."

There are companies that can be expected to invite the candidate to their career's section for other suitable roles. Or, keep the resume in their file for future job opportunities.

The method

At ANAROCK Group, depending on the role being applied for, the company sends either standardised or personalised acceptance or rejection letters.

"In the case of senior roles where the candidate is highly experienced and would have qualified for the role under most circumstances, we make it a point to mention this fact. We also highlight any similar roles consummate with his or her qualifications and experience if such roles are available and enquire whether the applicant would like to be considered for it," says Sukhdeep Aurora, chief people officer.

Priya Mathilakath, head, HR – corporate and retail, Titan Company Limited, says there is certainly a challenge when one gets hundreds of mails for a role and each cannot be personalised.

Some candidates may be disappointed with automated responses, as they lack the human element.

Freshers might not mind an automated response, but middle- and senior-level talent would expect constructive feedback, says Aditya Narayan Mishra, CEO of CIEL HR.

Either way, a rejection letter has to be sent, as it involves branding and also the company's ability to attract talent in the future, says Priya.

Regarding feedback, Priya believes, an employer need not explain the reason for rejection, unless it is sought. "You need to leave that window to the candidate."

A rejection mail is any day better than ghosting and progressive companies might even seek feedback from the candidate on their experience in applying for a role.

Aditya says years ago when they were the recruitment partner for a multi-national company in the banking sector, one criterion set by the client was that every candidate's CV must be acknowledged and a response sent to every rejected candidate.

"It created tremendous value among potential employees as the candidate experience survey showed," says Aditya.

He notes that responses to a candidate's mails about the rejection should carry a professional tone.

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Legislative Council polls: Stage set for unanimous election

Of the seven seats, BJP can win four, Congress two, and Janata Dal (Secular) one

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As the window for filing nominations to seven Legislative Council seats to be elected from Legislative Assembly came to an end on Tuesday afternoon, candidates of all the three political parties filed their nominations, ending weeks of speculations.

While the nomination papers will be scrutinised on Wednesday, the line up paves way for candidates to win their seats unanimously since parties have fielded the number of candidates that they can win. Of the seven seats, BJP can win four, Congress two, and the Janata Dal (Secular) one since each candidate has to poll 29 votes. The candidates will be declared winners after 3 p.m. on May 27, the last date for withdrawing nominations.

The elections have been necessitated due to seven members completing their term on June 14. Interestingly, of the seven retiring members, BJP leader Laxman Savadi is the only member to be renominated. On Tuesday, hours before the nomination was to come to an end, the JD (S) was the last to announce its candidate and nominated T.A. Sharavana, its former MLC. He was accompanied by former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. Deputy Leader of JDLP Bandeppa Kashempur, and party president C.M. Ibrahim when he filed the nominations. Congress candidates M. Nagaraj Yadav and Abdul Jabbar were accompanied by Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar.

The BJP also threw a surprise on Tuesday by nominating Hemalatha Nayak and S. Keshav Prasad along with Mr. Savadi and Chalavadi Narayanswamy, hours before the nomination window closed. BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, Ministers R. Ashok, C.C. Patil, Umesh Katti, and Shivaram Hebbar were present.

(Clockwise from top left) JD(S) candidate T.A. Sharavana filing his nomination for the Council election on Tuesday; Congress candidates K. Abdul Zabbar and Nagaraj Yadav; BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel with candidates Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, Hemalatha Nayak, Laxman Savadi, and S. Keshav Prasad in Bengaluru. • SUDHAKARA JAIN & SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sharavana the richest

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Former MLC and JD(S) candidate T.A. Sharavana, whose business interest is in jewellery, is the richest candidate among the seven candidates in fray with family assets worth about ₹41.55 crore and a liability of ₹8 crore. His family has about ₹10.98 crore worth of movable assets including ₹89 lakh worth jewellery.

He is followed by the former Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi who has declared asset of about ₹36.37 crore, including ₹6.48 crore movable assets, against liability of ₹1.81 crore. Congress candidate Nagaraj Yadav has declared movable and immovable assets worth about ₹7.2 crore and a liability of ₹3.1 lakh. Another Congress candidate Abdul Jabbar has declared assets worth about ₹6.95 crore and a liability of ₹71.36 lakh.

BJP candidate S. Keshava Prasad has declared assets worth about ₹4.04 crore against a liability of ₹13.5 lakh while Chaluvadi Narayanswamy has declared assets worth ₹6.33 crore and nil liability. Another BJP candidate Hemalatha Nayak has declared assets worth about ₹70.8 lakh and no liability.

Vijayendra, BSY adopt cautious approach

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and his son B.Y. Vijayendra adopted a cautious approach on the BJP high command rejecting the latter's candidature for the Legislative Council polls on Tuesday.

While Mr. Yediyurappa congratulated all those who have made it into the list, Mr. Vijayendra appealed to party workers and his supporters to conduct themselves with "patience and dignity". He also asked them not to take to social media to make any "unnecessary comments."

"I would like to convey to all my well-wishers that any unnecessary comments on social media and elsewhere will not only damage the reputation of our party, but would also hurt the sentiments of Mr. Yediyurappa and myself," he tweeted.

"Each one of us is a disciplined *karyakartha* (party worker) and we have to abide by the party's decision. Our party has and will never let down those who have potential," he said.

"My party and our leadership have always encouraged and stood by me ever since I entered politics, by giving me an opportunity to work as vice-president of the party State unit. I appeal to all *karyakarthas* and my supporters to understand that power and position themselves are not the ultimate objectives in politics," he said.

He described Mr. Yediyurappa as a man from RSS cadre who dedicated his life to building the party in Karnataka from grassroots.

Meanwhile, party State president Nalin Kumar Kateel maintained that all the four candidates, who have been chosen by the party high command for contesting the Council polls, were from the list of 20 members recommended by the party State core committee.

BJP candidate airlifted

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BENGALURU

One of the candidate, Hemalatha Nayak was in her native place Koppal when her name was cleared by the high command for MLC polls. With about four hours left for the deadline for nominations to end, she was flown into Bengaluru in a helicopter soon after she reached Tumakuru from Koppal by road.

FROM PAGE ONE

Vijayendra fails to get ticket for Council polls

The BJP has also announced the candidature of the former Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti for the elections to the Council from Karnataka West Teachers constituency.

Commenting on Mr. Vijayendra's name not figuring in the BJP list, sources in the party said this would not mean the end of the road for him as he is still in the reckoning for the 2023 Assembly election ticket.

Speculations are also rife that Mr. Vijayendra may get an important position in the party organisation if there is a rejig.

Party insiders see this as a political message by the high command to Mr. Yediyurappa that it would not heed to pressure tactics, though it wants him to play a crucial role in the election campaign.

This is being seen as a setback for Mr. Yediyurappa, particularly because two candidates – Mr. Prasad and Mr. Savadi – who are close to party national functionary B.L. Santhosh, with whom Mr. Yediyurappa had a troubled relationship, have made it to the list of candidates.

12-week deadline to complete delimitation, reservation of seats

HC order to govt. on seats in TPs, ZPs

FROM THE COURT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday directed the State government to complete the process of delimitation of seats in taluk and zilla panchayats and provide reservation of seats, including for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), as per the apex court's directions, within 12 weeks.

The court also directed the State Election Commission (SEC) to commence the process of election within one week after expiry of 12 weeks provided for the government to complete the delimitation of seats and for reservation of seats.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the interim order while hearing a PIL petition, filed by SEC last year.

The SEC had questioned the legality of enacting the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Act, 2021, which came into force from September 18, 2021, when SEC was at the last leg of preparations before announcing elections to TPs and ZPs.

The State enacted the new law, which took away the powers earlier conferred on the SEC for fixing the number of seats, carrying out the exercise of delimitation, and fixing the reservation of seats for TPs and ZPs. The SEC, while making it clear that it is not concerned with the government's decision to withdraw the power, had said that it was only concerned about the timing of withdrawal as elections cannot be held as per constitutional mandate as the new law has also nullified the exercises of delimitation of seats and fixation of reservations have were already completed by the SEC.

The Bench took up the petition on Tuesday as the SEC had sought an early hearing on the petition in the light of recent direction of the Supreme Court to all States to hold elections to local bodies without delay.

Earlier, the government filed an affidavit informing the court that it had recently set up a commission, comprising K. Bhakthavatsala, retired judge of the High Court, and C.R. Chikmath, retired IAS officer, to give a report identifying political backwardness of OBCs in urban and rural local bodies and recommendation for providing reservation for OBCs.

The government sought time of 12 weeks to complete the process of delimitation of seats in TPS and ZPS and also to provide reservation for OBCs, based on the newly set up commission's report.

ReNew Power to invest ₹50,000 crore in State

ReNew Power chairman Sumant Sinha with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Ministers Murugesh Nirani and C.N. Ashwath Narayan at Davos in Switzerland.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

On the second day of the World Economic Forum summit in Davos, Switzerland, the State government on Tuesday signed an agreement with ReNew Power for ₹50,000 crore investment for setting up green hydrogen units, battery storage and other verticals in the renewable energy sector.

30,000 jobs

ReNew Power, established in 2011, is one of India's leading renewable energy companies in terms of total energy generation capacity, would invest in the State in the next seven years and expected to generate 30,000 jobs, said a release.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani, who have been attending the summit, met Bharti Enterprises founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal, who evinced interest in setting up a mega data centre in the State. Mr. Bommai also held discussions with Adani Group chairman Gautham Adani and appealed to the latter to explore investment opportunities here.

Serving readers for 125 years

Nagarkar Library, started in 1873, grew to embrace all and foster art and literature

GIRISH PATTANASHETTI
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Despite several ups and downs, the 'Nagarkar Library' has stood the test of times and is set to celebrate its 125th anniversary thanks to the service of several families. In 1980s, a 'give and take' arrangement with Central Bank of India helped the institution in getting new building. Subsequently, as honorary secretary for over three decades, Subhash Madiman, helped the library to expand. Now along with 6,000 books, there is a small hall for music programmes, space for games.

The Nagarkar Library has a collection of some rare books including first prints of various works, those printed at London some dating back to 1860s. Not just classics, it also has books that help students prepare for competitive examinations.

"The library opened up new world before us. Such was the collection that sometimes we had to wait for our turn to read at Nagarkar Library," recalls Mahendra Chauhan, a journalist.

With advent of technology, there is a reduced footfall at the library now, but that has not taken away the zeal of the new team. "As we have other resources, we just charge ₹50 per month. We want the children to visit and get acquainted with the joy of reading," Vijay Bijur and Vikram Sirur, who are part of the team taking care of the library, told *The Hindu*.

A three-day programme of music, puppetry will mark the 125th anniversary of the library starting from May 27.

The old building of Nagarkar Library in Hubballi, which is all set to celebrate its 125th anniversary this month. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Three-day AIIPA conference from May 29

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The All India Insurance Pensioners' Association, with Life Insurance Corporation of India and Public Sector General Insurance Employees in India, will be holding its 8th all-India conference from May 29 to 31.

The AIIPA will discuss various issues pertaining to pensioners, including demand for a universal pension scheme. They have demanded that pension should be at least 50% of the minimum wage in the country. Further, the release said that AIIPA conference will also decide on methods to oppose the privatization policy of government and economic policies leading to steep price rise. AIIPA has urged people to support the struggle against LIC IPO and privatisation.

The AIIPA said that the Government of India runs a scheme in the name of National Old Aged Pension Scheme in which the government pays ₹200 per month to those above the age of 60 years who fall under the category of below the poverty line from 2007, which has not been revised despite massive price rise. This small amount is being paid to as many as 2.2 crore elderly persons. Some State governments have been adding an equal sum or more and paying the pension to this elderly population.

DKS flays 'vindictive politics' of govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

With several Congress leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, summoned by a city magistrate to appear before the court in a case related to violation of pandemic-related rules during a rally earlier this year, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar lashed out at the Basavaraj Bommai government for indulging in "vindictive" politics.

Speaking to reporters here after the party's candidates filed nomination papers to contest Legislative Council elections here, Mr. Shivakumar said BJP leaders violated COVID-19 norms several times by participating in rallies and functions. But the police had not registered any cases against ruling party leaders, he said. "The BJP government is involved in vindictive politics...we will fight in courts," Mr. Shivakumar said.

D.K. Shivakumar

A case was filed against several State Congress leaders by the Ramanagaram Rural police this year after they undertook a padayatra demanding construction of a reservoir across Cauvery river at Mekedatu. The leaders were charged under several sections of the Epidemic Diseases Act for taking out the padayatra violating restrictions in place during the pandemic. The government had imposed restrictions at the time amid fears of the third wave of outbreak of the pandemic.

Speaking on Mr. Bommai's trip to Davos, he said while the former was busy meeting businessmen for attracting investment to the State, Sangh Parivar outfits had been disturbing communal harmony. A couple of entrepreneurs and former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna had also raised the issues that had been impacting "Brand Bengaluru" owing to faulty policies of the government, the KPCC chief said. He said the government has to take steps to create a conducive environment for attracting investment to the State.

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NATA 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
REVISION IN DATES OF SECOND AND THIRD TESTS OF NATA 2022

It is hereby informed that the Council of Architecture shall conduct the Second and Third Tests of NATA 2022 on **July 7, 2022** and **August 7, 2022** instead of earlier scheduled dates of July 3 & July 24, 2022, for the purpose of admission to First Year of 5-year Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course for 2022-2023. The date of First NATA Test scheduled to be held on June 12, 2022 remains unchanged.

All the aspiring candidates are advised to register themselves at the earliest on NATA portal **www.nata.in** since candidates need to qualify an Aptitude Test conducted by the Council (i.e. NATA) for admission to B.Arch. course at approved architectural institutions in the country (except at CFTIs which admit students based on JEE Paper 2 through CSAB) in terms of COA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020.

NATA portal is currently open to facilitate students to apply for registration of NATA 2022. The last date of registration for the First NATA Test has been extended up to May 28, 2022. The NATA brochure with other important dates is available on the website of the Council **www.coa.gov.in** as well on NATA website **www.nata.in**.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

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Mrs. Padma Parthasarathy
Retired Principal Sri K Sugunibai Sanatana Dharma Girls Higher Secondary School, Sowcarpet
(Wife of Late Mr V K Parthasarathy)
attained Acharyan Thiruvadi on May 24, 2022 at Bangalore. Last rites **on May 25 2022, 8 am.** Dasathu on Thursday, 2nd June & Subha Sweekaram on 5th June, 2022.
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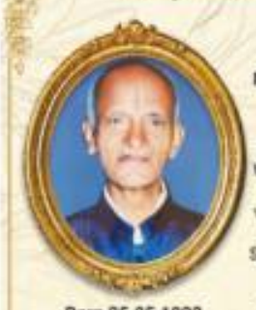

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PM to visit Chennai tomorrow

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Chennai on May 26. This will be his first visit since the DMK government under Chief Minister M.K. Stalin assumed office in May last year.

In an event at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium at 5.45 p.m., the PM will dedicate to the nation and lay the foundation stone for 11 projects. Security arrangements have been beefed up in Chennai as a few political parties had announced that they would stage a protest on May 26 and 27, against 'Prime Minister Modi's Central government over economic hardship and social disturbances created by right-wing groups in India'.

The PM will also witness the inauguration of 1,152 houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban.

Two held for provocative sloganeering

Video of a PFI worker carrying a minor voicing slogans provoked public concern in Kerala

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

An alleged call for violence against Hindu and Christian communities at a Popular Front of India (PFI) "Save the Republic" rally in Alappuzha on May 21 is perhaps the latest instance of incendiary rhetoric reaching an ominously shrill pitch in Kerala.

A viral video of a PFI worker carrying on his shoulder a minor voicing slogans deemed by some quarters as a "death threat" to other communities provoked widespread public concern.

The police arrested two persons on the charge of promoting enmity between communities under Section 153 (A) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

They were identified as Ansar Najeeb, a resident of Erattupetta in Kottayam district, and PFI Alappuzha district president Navas Vandanam. The police also booked them for outraging religious feelings (IPC 295A) and criminal intimidation (IPC 506).

Courting controversy: A Popular Front of India rally held in Alappuzha on Saturday. • SURESH ALLEPPEY

The incident has raised the spectre of heightened communal tensions in the run-up to the Thrikkakara Assembly election on May 31. The RSS-SDPI retaliatory killings in Alappuzha and Palakkad had also briefly threatened the public peace recently.

Of late, Kerala has witnessed certain politicians and social media influencers injecting dangerously divisive messages into the mainstream. Recently, the State police registered a hate speech case against Kerala Janapaksham (Secular) leader and former legislator P.C. George for allegedly propounding a conspiracy theory that Muslims were increasing their numbers in Kerala to disempower Hindus and Christians.

Some other sections had portrayed inter-faith unions between Muslims and other communities as "Love Jihad".

SDPI rebuts charge

SDPI State president Muvattupuzha Ashraf Moulavi alleged the pro-Sangh Parivar media had doctored the video to colour the PFI as communally divisive. The child had uttered no threat, he claimed.

Mr. Moulavi said the State's non-opposition to Mr. George's anticipatory bail plea in the hate speech case had highlighted the government's Janus-faced approach to secularism and rule of law.

In contrast, he said the police had overwhelmingly targeted SDPI and PFI workers for peacefully resisting the "fascist" agenda of RSS.

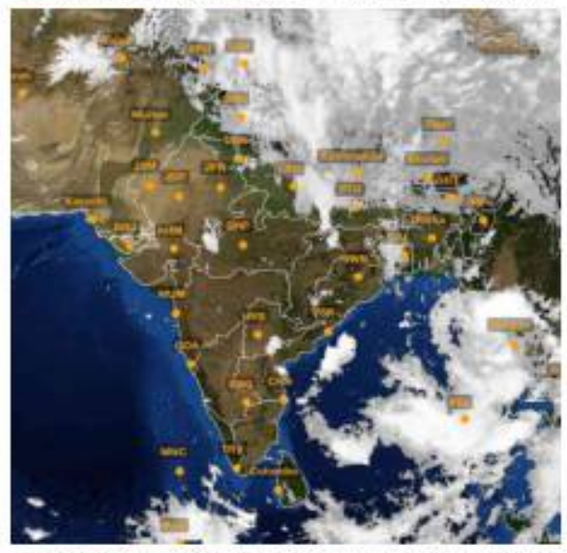
Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the government had sacrificed secularism at the altar of political expediency. It condoned extremists to secure fringe fundamentalist votes in the Thrikkakara bypoll.

BJP State president K. Surendran said the government had tacitly endorsed extremist elements with an eye on "20% fixed deposit votes" in Thrikkakara.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] felt the arrests were indicative of the government's resolve to uphold the law.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds at isolated places likely over West Bengal, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and with lightning at isolated places over West Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Bihar, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.1	25.9	Kozhikode	2.0	31.5	26.2
Ahmedabad	–	41.2	29.3	Kurnool	–	37.5	27.1
Aizawl	–	–	21.9	Lucknow	21.0	35.8	21.8
Allahabad	–	40.3	21.2	Madurai	–	39.1	26.5
Bengaluru	–	30.3	22.1	Mangaluru	–	31.3	25.9
Bhopal	3.0	39.8	19.5	Mumbai	–	34.6	29.2
Bhubaneswar	17.0	35.6	21.0	Mysuru	–	32.0	20.6
Chandigarh	3.0	30.7	20.0	New Delhi	–	31.3	18.0
Chennai	–	39.9	28.4	Patna	–	36.4	25.0
Coimbatore	–	33.4	24.4	Port Blair	22.0	28.9	27.2
Dehradun	5.0	29.4	18.9	Puducherry	–	38.2	26.9
Gangtok	0.5	28.6	15.4	Pune	–	36.2	24.3
Goa	–	33.2	27.2	Raipur	–	42.6	25.5
Guwahati	–	33.2	24.8	Ranchi	17.0	35.6	19.0
Hubballi	–	33.0	23.0	Shillong	–	24.8	15.9
Hyderabad	–	37.8	26.3	Shimla	11.0	23.4	9.8
Imphal	–	31.0	21.6	Srinagar	3.0	22.6	11.8
Jaipur	16.0	33.8	18.9	Thiruvananthapuram	78.0	30.9	23.2
Kochi	139.0	29.0	23.6	Tiruchi	–	37.6	27.0
Kohima	–	23.4	–	Vijayawada	–	42.2	29.2
Kolkata	–	34.7	27.3	Visakhapatnam	–	35.0	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	6	12	46	200	146	
Bengaluru	7	17	54	80	100	
Chennai	15	10	40	50	61	
Delhi	16	35	48	46	63	
Hyderabad	33	27	–	63	122	
Kolkata	17	14	20	64	86	
Lucknow	6	78	73	75	90	
Mumbai	2	6	44	49	52	
Pune	–	14	64	65	63	
Visakhapatnam	17	31	6	69	111	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jodhpur, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 267 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala man sentenced to 10 years RI in dowry death case

STAFF REPORTER
KOLLAM

The Kollam Additional Sessions Court on Tuesday awarded 10 years' rigorous imprisonment to Kiran Kumar, holding him guilty of dowry harassment leading to the suicide of his wife Vismaya.

The accused will have to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for a period of 10 years for committing the offence under Section 304 (B) of the IPC for dowry death while he will have to serve six years' of RI under Section 306 (abetment to suicide) and pay a fine of ₹2 lakh. The default of payment will lead to RI for six more months.

Kiran Kumar, who was sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment, brought out of the court on Tuesday.

Under Section 498 (A) (matrimonial cruelty for dowry), he was given a sentence of two years of RI and a fine of ₹50,000 and default of payment will lead to imprisonment for a further period of three months.

Kiran Kumar was also awarded RI for six years and one year along with a fine ₹10 lakh and ₹5,000 under Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act. Default of payment will lead to imprisonment for 18 months and 15 days respectively.

Announcing the quantum of punishment, Judge K.N. Sujith said the term sentences would run concurrently.

Renaming district: houses of Minister, MLA burnt in A.P.

T. APPALA NAIDU
AMALAPURAM

At least 20 police personnel, including Konaseema SP and DSP were injured in a clash on Tuesday between the police and protesters over the proposal for renaming Konaseema district in Andhra Pradesh as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district.

Violence broke out when the police attempted to prevent a procession that was taken out by people as part of 'Chalo Amalapuram', opposing the change of the district's name.

Earlier in the day, the protesters targeted police personnel by resorting to stone-pelting. The SP and other senior officials were injured in the clash.

The house of Minister Pinipe Viswaroop set on fire by protesters in Amalapuram on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Later, the protesters reached the houses of Transport Minister Pinipe Viswaroop and Mummudivaram MLA Ponnada Satish in Amalapuram and set fire to the houses. Two houses belonging to Mr. Viswaroop and one of Mr. Satish were set on fire. Mr. Viswaroop and Mr. Satish managed to escape from their residences along with their family members.

The protesters also burnt a parked college bus, and a police vehicle near Clock Tower. A group of protesters also set fire to two buses.

Study on K-Rail done via digital means, HC told

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala government on Tuesday informed the Kerala High Court that the social impact assessment (SIA) survey for the K-Rail project was being conducted through digital methods such as geotagging wherever people take objection to laying survey stones.

The submission was made by the government pleader when a writ petition challenging the laying of survey stones without issuing prior notices to landowners came up for hearing before Justice Devan Ramachandran.

When the government submitted that it did not propose to install survey stones without the permission of the landowners, the judge observed that this was what the court had been telling the government throughout. The government had then tried to dismiss the opposition to the laying of survey stones as being actuated by certain other motives. In fact, the court was trying to put the government on the right track.

The court pointed out that when the court queried, the government had submitted that the landowners would not be given prior notice before undertaking the survey. The court said that officials walking into a property for laying stones without giving the landowner prior notice was disheartening.

The court directed Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd. and the Director of Survey to explain why they had issued letters and orders for conducting the survey by putting up stones without the permission of the court when the court's interim order restraining the conduct of the survey remained in force.

Time to rejoice

Students in a joyful mood on the last day of their CBSE Class 10 examinations at a centre in Vijayawada on Tuesday. • K.V.S. GIRI

Stalin opens shutters of Mettur dam

STAFF REPORTER
SALEM

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday raised the shutters of the Mettur dam for the Kuruvai cultivation in the Cauvery delta districts, marking the opening of the dam for the first time in May since Independence.

Minister for Municipal Administration K.N. Nehru, Minister for Water Resources Durai Murugan and senior officials were present.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin pouring grain into the Cauvery at Stanley Reservoir in Mettur on Tuesday. • E. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

About 3,000 cusecs of water was released initially, and the discharge will gradually be increased to 10,000 cusecs, officials said.

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the level at the dam was 117.76 feet as against the total of 120 feet. The stored capacity was 89,942 mcft.

Officials said this was the first time that water was released in May instead of on the customary date of June 12. (In 2011, water was released on June 6.) About 125 tmc water is required to irrigate 5.22 lakh acres of farmland in the delta districts for Kuruvai cultivation; of it, 99.74 tmc would be released from the dam and the rest of the quantum would be met through rain and groundwater. The discharge would be increased to 16,000 cusecs in July and 18,000 cusecs in August. For the samba and thaladi cultivation, water would be released between September 15 and January 28 to irrigate 12.10 lakh acres.

KTR pitches for investments at Davos; Aliaxis to put in ₹500 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Minister for IT and Municipal Administration K.T. Rama Rao had a busy day at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Tuesday with a series of meetings with business heads, including chairman of Bharti Enterprises (Airtel) Sunil Bharti Mittal and vice-chairman Rajan Bharti Mittal, chief executive officer of Novartis Vasant Narasimhan, Deloitte Global CEO Punit Renjen and HCL's managing director Vijay Guntur, among others.

The Minister pitched for investments in Telangana while explaining the industrial-friendly policies and the easy availability of manpower required for the respective industries.

Making a point: KTR speaking at a panel discussion at the World Economic forum in Davos. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A major investment has made its way to Telangana from Davos with Ashirvad Pipes of Aliaxis deciding to set up a greenfield facility with an investment of ₹500 crore in the State. The announcement came after Aliaxis CFO Koen Sticker met Mr. KTR on the sidelines of the WEF. This investment will create over 500 jobs and a memorandum of understanding was signed between Aliaxis and Telangana in the presence of the Minister. The firm will manufacture storage and distribution of plastic pipes, fittings and accessories.

Money spider, ant-mimicking species spotted at Wayanad

Findings by researchers of Christ College, Irinjalakuda

MINI MURINGATHERI
THRISSUR

Money spiders, commonly found in European meadows, have been reported for the first time in the country from the Muthanga range of the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary.

The species is called so as it is "believed to bring luck" to the person who comes in contact with it.

'Six species'

Researchers of Christ College, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur, have discovered the spider that belongs to the family of dwarf spiders (*Linyphiidae*) under the genus *Prosoponoides*. It has been given the name *Prosoponoides biflectogynus*.

Male of the money spider (*Prosoponoides biflectogynus*), and, right female of the ant-mimicking spider (*Toxeus alboclavus*).

"Only six species of spiders belonging to this genus have been identified from across the world so far. It is the first report of this genus from India and hence no extensive studies have been conducted on this species of spiders in the country," said Dr. Sudhikumar A.V., Head, Department of Zoology, Christ College.

The research team includes Athira Jose and Vishnu Haridas, research scholars of the Centre for Animal Taxonomy and Ecology (CATE), Christ College.

They have also discovered ant-mimicking spiders, belonging to the group of jumping spiders, from the Mananthavady range. They belong to the family of *Salticidae*.

The male and the female money spiders are typically 3 mm and 4 mm long respectively. Both sexes are dark brown and have irregular silver patches and black spots on elliptical abdomen. There are numerous fine black spines on their olive green legs. Eight dark eyes are arranged in two rows.

Females build triangular webs in between dry tree twigs and feed on small insects, while males prefer to hide beneath dry leaves. Two or more male spiders can be found in the web of a single female. The ant-mimicking spider has been named *Toxeus alboclavus*. Researchers collected this species of jumping spiders from among leaf litters.

Mimic ants

"They perfectly mimic ants by lifting their front pair of legs while walking as a mechanism to escape from potential predators. Only three species of this genus have been reported from India, and this is the first species reported from the Western Ghats," noted Dr. Sudhikumar.

The male and the female spiders of this species grow up to 4 mm and 6 mm long respectively.

The study was funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the University Grants Commission (UGC). The findings were published in the British scientific journals *Peckhamia* and *Arachnology*.

Caution and clarity

The IPEF in its nascence relies more on promise than prospect of tangible outcomes

In a sudden decision not previously intimated, India became one of a 13-nation economic initiative led by the U.S., on Monday, as President Joseph Biden unveiled plans for an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF). The initiative is touted as a substantial step by the U.S. as part of its decade-old "pivot to Asia", and an attempt at putting some "economic heft" into its Indo-Pacific presence that has been on the decline after its decision to quit the Trans Pacific Free Trade Agreement, the CPTPP, in 2017. Officials say the IPEF framework has four "pillars": supply-chain resilience; clean energy, decarbonisation and infrastructure; taxation and anti-corruption; and fair and resilient trade. Mr. Biden's visit to Japan and South Korea, attendance at the Quad summit and helming the IPEF launch is also aimed at reassuring the Eastern hemisphere about the U.S.'s focus. India's joining is an equally strong statement of commitment to Indo-Pacific goals, and to broadening regional economic cooperation, particularly after it walked out of the 15-nation RCEP. It is significant that all IPEF members, other than India and the U.S., are a part of the RCEP free trade agreement, and yet have chosen to be part of the U.S.-led initiative.

Despite the strong signalling from all sides, however, there are many aspects to the IPEF that bear further scrutiny. Monday's launch only signals the willingness of the 13 countries to begin discussions on the contours. Much will depend, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed, on how inclusive the process is. Second, U.S. officials have made it clear that it is not a free trade agreement; nor will it discuss tariff reductions or increasing market access, raising questions about its utility. Shorn of the rhetoric of Indo-Pacific cooperation, there must be more clarity on its framework. The four pillars also lend themselves to some confusion, drawing into question whether there is enough common ground among the 13 countries that are part of very different economic arrangements, as well as outliers (the U.S. and India), to set standards together, or be open to issues that vary for each country. The U.S.'s statement that the IPEF is essentially focused on "American workers" also raises questions on whether increasingly protectionist global trends will chafe. Each of the IPEF countries has considerable trade interests in China, with most having large trade deficits. So, it remains to be seen how much they will be willing to sign on with the IPEF. Already three ASEAN countries, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar, have decided to stay out of the framework's launch. Above all, given the fact that the U.S.'s previous initiatives (the Blue Dot Network and the Build Back Better Initiative) have made little headway in changing the region's infrastructural needs, the IPEF faces a credibility challenge. Negotiators will need to move with both caution and clarity before making any big promises on its benefits for the region.

Serving those who serve

Health workers need better remuneration and safety guarantee, not just awards

Recognition very often goes to those at the top of the pecking order, and stays there. Credit seldom trickles down to the worker at the bottom. The World Health Organization's act of recognising India's ASHA (accredited social health activists) and the polio workers of Afghanistan is an attempt to right that wrong. It is a rare, and commendable doffing of the hat for workers at the very bottom of the rung, and gives credit where it is due. When WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced the names of six Global Health Leader awardees at the opening session of the World Health Assembly, over one million ASHAs and eight volunteer polio workers found themselves being counted amidst people leading from the front. The other awardees are Paul Farmer, co-founder of the NGO Partners in Health, Ahmed Hankir, a British-Lebanese psychiatrist, Ludmila Sofia Oliveira Varela, a youth sports advocate, and Yōhei Sasakawa, WHO's Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination. Dr. Tedros who picks the awardees himself, said that the award recognises those who have made an outstanding contribution to protecting and promoting health around the world, at a time when the world is facing an unprecedented convergence of inequity, conflict, food insecurity, climate crisis and a pandemic.

The ASHAs were honoured for their "crucial role in linking the community with the health system, to ensure those living in rural poverty can access primary health care services...." These workers, all women, faced harassment and violence for their work during the pandemic, well documented in the media. While the pandemic rewrote the rules, creating danger where mere routine existed, it must be stressed that in general, their job, which takes them into difficult-to-reach places and hostile communities, confers a measure of privations. Even as they contribute to better health outcomes, this workforce continues to protest across the country, for better remuneration, health benefits and permanent posts. The eight volunteer polio workers of Afghanistan (four of them women) were shot and killed by gunmen in Takhar and Kunduz provinces in February 2022. Their work was crucial in a country where wild polio virus type 1 is still circulating, WHO recorded. Clearly, certain kinds of basic public health work are fraught with perils in several continents across the world. It is the duty of the governmental agencies that employ them to ensure their welfare, safety and security. While cheerleading about the award is rightfully reaching a crescendo, what matters is how the Indian government serves its last mile health workers who are its feet on the ground, once the dust raised by their unexpected recognition has settled down.

A new road for India's fiscal federalism

After the 'Mohit Minerals' judgment, States will now be free to exercise independent power to legislate on GST

SUHRITH PARTHASARATHY

On May 19, in *Union of India vs Mohit Minerals*, the Supreme Court of India delivered a ruling which is likely to have an impact far wider than what the Centre might have imagined when it brought the case up on appeal. At stake was the validity of a levy imposed on importers, of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on ocean freight paid by foreign sellers to foreign shipping lines. The Gujarat High Court had declared the tax illegal. The Supreme Court affirmed the ruling through Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's judgment and held that the levy constituted double taxation – that is, that the importer, which was already paying tax on the "composite" supply of goods, could not be asked to pay an additional tax on a perceived "service" that it may have received.

Just recommendations

In making this finding, the Court proceeded on a technical reading of various laws, in particular the provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act. That reading, in and by itself, has limited implications. But the Court also made a slew of observations, which, if taken to their logical conclusion by State legislatures, could potentially transform the future of fiscal federalism in India. It held, for instance, that both Parliament and the State legislatures enjoy equal power to legislate on Goods and Services Tax (GST), and that the Goods and Services Tax Council's recommendations were just that: recommendations that could never be binding on a legislative body.

Reacting to the ruling, the Union Ministry of Finance has claimed that it "does not in any way lay down anything new", and that it "does not have any bearing on the way GST has been functioning in India, nor lays down anything fundamentally different to the existing framework of GST". But a close reading of the judgment belies this suggestion. Until now, governments across India have treated the GST Council's recommendations – even where they disagreed with them – as sacrosanct, because they believed that this was indeed the law. What *Mohit Minerals* holds, though, is that State governments, on a proper construal of the Constitution, need to hardly feel circumscribed by any such limitation. As such, according to the Court, State legislatures possess the authority to deviate from any advice rendered by the GST Council and to make their own laws by asserting, in the process, their role as equal partners in India's federal architecture.

Advent of Articles

When, in July 2017, the Union government introduced the GST regime through the 101st constitutional Amendment, it did so based on an underlying belief that tax administration across India needed unification. 'One Nation, One Tax', was the mantra. To give effect to this idea, many entries in the State list of Schedule VII of the Constitution were either deleted or amended. No longer could State governments, for example, legislate on sale or purchase of goods (barring a few exceptions, such as petroleum and liquor) through the ordinary legislative route. Instead, a power to legislate on GST was inserted through a newly introduced

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Article 246A. This provision overrode the general dominion granted to Parliament and State legislatures to bring laws on various subjects and afforded to them an express authority to make legislation on GST.

In addition, the 101st Amendment also established, through Article 279A, a GST Council. This body comprises the Union Finance Minister, the Union Minister of State for Finance, and Ministers of Finance from every State government. The Council was given the power to "make recommendations to the Union and States" on several different matters. These include a model GST law, the goods and services that may be subjected to or exempted from GST and the rates at which tax is to be levied. In framing the manner in which the Council's votes are to be reckoned with, the Union government was granted a virtual veto.

As I wrote in these pages when the Amendment was first introduced, there was some amount of confusion on whether the Council's decisions would be binding. The use of the word "recommendations" suggested on the one hand that its decisions would be advisory, at best. But, at the same time, the fact that Article 279A directed the establishment of a mechanism to adjudicate disputes between governments on decisions taken by the Council suggested that those governments would, in fact, be bound by any advice rendered to them. If the former reading was to be deployed, the purpose behind the introduction of a common GST would be in jeopardy. But the latter interpretation effectively entailed a destruction of the well-laid plans of the Constituent Assembly. Fiscal responsibilities that had been divided with much care and attention between the Union and the States would now stand dissolved.

Not a symmetrical compact

In its judgment in *Mohit Minerals*, the Supreme Court has provided what ought to be seen as the final word on this conundrum. Although States had until now proceeded on a tacit belief that the GST Council's recommendations were binding, such an approach, in Justice Chandrachud's words, would run counter both to the express words of the Constitution and the philosophical values underlying the language deployed. Our federal compact, the judgment holds, is not symmetrical, in that there are certain areas of the Constitution that contain a "centralising drift" – where the Union is granted a larger share of the power – and there are other areas where equal responsibility is vested.

Article 246A, which was introduced by the 101st Amendment, is one such clause. The provision provides concomitant power both to the Union and to the State governments to legislate on GST. It does not discriminate between the two in terms of its allocation of authority. That allocation, according to the Court, cannot be limited by a reading of Article 279A, which establishes a GST Council, and which treats the Council's decisions as "recommendations". "If the GST Council was intended to be a decision-making authority whose recommendations transform to legislation," wrote Justice Chandrachud, "such a qualification would have been included in Articles 246A or 279A." But in the present case, no such qualification can be found.

In perspective

The Court's ruling does not mean that a legislature – whether Parliament or the States' – cannot through statutory law make the Council's recommendations binding on executive bodies. Indeed, insofar as the laws today make such a mandate, rulemaking by the executive would necessarily have to be bound by the Council's advice. But a constitutional power, in the Court's ruling, can never be limited through statute. Such curbs must flow only from the Constitution. And in this case, in the Court's analysis, no restrictions on legislative power can be gleaned on a meaningful reading of the Constitution.

Today, because of the ruling in *Mohit Minerals*, State governments will be free to exercise independent power to legislate on GST. It is possible that this might lead to conflicting taxation regimes, with the idea of 'One Nation One Tax' rendered nugatory. But as the Court puts it, "Indian federalism is a dialogue between cooperative and uncooperative federalism where the federal units are at liberty to use different means of persuasion ranging from collaboration to contestation."

GST was conceived as a product of what some described as "pooled sovereignty". But perhaps it is only in an administrative area, animated by contestation, where we can see synergy between different sovereign units, where our nation can take a genuine turn towards a more "cooperative federalism".

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The executive seems more fragile than hurt sentiment

There seems to be an increased use of Section 153A IPC and Section 295A IPC, going by data and anecdotal evidence

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In yet another brute show of power, Dr. Ratan Lal, a Dalit academician, was arrested for an 'objectionable' post on the Gyanvapi mosque row. He is alleged to have promoted disharmony or enmity between religious groups (Section 153A in the Indian Penal Code) and intentionally and maliciously hurt religious sentiments (Section 295A in the IPC). His arrest adds to the trend of increased use of the two provisions.

The latest annual report of the National Crime Records Bureau records more than four jumps (458%) of cases registered under Section 153A since 2014; it almost doubled in the last two years. This does not necessarily mean hurtful comments surged all of a sudden, as conviction could only be secured in merely 20.4% of cases. Though no separate data is available on Section 295A, anecdotal evidence suggests its increased use by the executive.

Legislative history

The increased use of these penal provisions draws our attention to the circumstances in which they were enacted. In 1927, when Section 153A was already in existence, Section 295A was brought on the demand of a religious minority community which alleged that a pamphlet titled 'Rangeela Rasul' published objectionable content against its founder.

The Legislative Assembly debates at the introduction of Section 295A expressed concern about its subjectivity that could be misused. The rationale behind the provision was to deal with intentional insults to religion or outraging religious feelings. At best, the Assembly members found it a temporary remedy for a temporary aberration, not one that would be in active use a century later.

A more direct measure was incorporated through Section 295A, which would not require proving that the speech promoted enmity or hatred between classes; now, a hurt sentiment would be enough. It can be argued that it safeguarded the spirit of tolerance amidst religious diversity. But its enhanced misuse raises the question: safeguard for who and against what?

The debates sensed and cautioned against a looming threat over free speech. It was anticipated that it could be misused to suppress honest, candid, and *bona fide* criticism, and hinder historical research towards social reform. If individuals were allowed to register complaints about a hurt religious sentiment, the courts

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would be flooded with frivolous cases. Then there would be a sweeping class of offences, where it cannot be objectively adjudicated if a crime has been committed.

Some safeguards

However, there were statutory safeguards that required deliberate intention and malice; and judicial rulings that needed looking at – words used, intent, and effect to ascertain criminality. Only a deliberate and aggravated form of religious insult would attract the rigor of the provision.

The judiciary laid down two ways to measure the effect – one by establishing a link between speech and public disorder, and by measuring the effects from the standards of a reasonable man, and not from one who fears all hostile viewpoints. However, no attempt was made to translate the safeguards into practice, which could have shielded the dear ethos of free speech. A half-hearted attempt left us with a law that cannot be enforced appropriately and is being let loose to chase the dissenter.

Element of subjectivity

Unlike bodily harm that can be verified, sentimental hurt cannot be tested against strict measures. The element of subjectivity overrides it as a sentiment's vulnerability could widely vary, even among those of the same religion.

A critical inquiry of orthodox practices and superstitious beliefs encourages social reforms. The need for an intelligent counter is required much more amid the aggressive assertion of religious beliefs by the socio-political hegemon. Even the 1927 Joint Select Committee appreciated the argument that a religious insult inflicted in good faith, with the object of steering reform, would bring the follower's required attention to the critique.

India's Constitution celebrates diversity with the guarantee of free speech. With that aspirational pledge, should not the answer to hurt religious sentiment be tolerance, and not rampant criminalisation? This may be an unreal expectation in times of widespread hate and disharmony. It is anomalous for a pluralistic, democratic, and secular nation that runs on counter-discourses to criminalise speech for hurting fickle religious sentiments.

Even the statutory safeguards of 'deliberate intention and malice' cannot be objectively determined. The police do not get into the legislative nuances before registering a criminal case or making an arrest. Philosopher Martha Nussbaum critiqued the law by saying that it invites thugs to suppress speech on anything they dislike; she added that given India's political climate, several would take up this ugly invitation. A hazy legal paradigm criminalising hurting religious sentiment facilitates the ruling dispensation's strategy to stifle all dissent and use the law to fuel divisive politics.

On raging criminalisation of free speech, senior advocate Indira Jaising said that repeated use of law to stifle dissent reflects state policy. "It is not a 'misuse'; it is being used the way the enforcement agencies want it," she added. The executive is seemingly more fragile than a citizen's hurt religious sentiment. It sends out a clear message that be it a stand-up comic script, a remark on the belief of walking barefooted in reverence, or taking beef to school, India is no longer the country to hold and express opinions challenging the state-backed majoritarian rhetoric.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The U.S. on Taiwan

It would have been better had the President of the United States, Joe Biden, not explicitly discussed a hypothetical scenario in detail (Page 1, "U.S. to defend Taiwan against China: Biden", May 24). Why create new problems in these turbulent times? There are already a number of countries facing the consequences of the Ukraine war in terms of food, fuel, and supply chain disruptions and other induced shortages. With no clear end to the war in Europe in sight, the situation is not going to get any better soon. Given the phenomenal economic interconnectedness of the world, even if war happens in one geographical location, there will be global reverberations. Taiwan is also located in a very critical region of the world. In this scenario, it is unfathomable to imagine future wars. The U.S. ought to use its 'super power' status to bring ongoing conflicts to an end – not imagine new ones.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Flattened

The growing bulldozer culture in India leaves one aghast. Who has given 'officials' the authority to destroy a residential house? Moreover, it is for courts to determine whether a person is guilty or not. The persons alleged to have indulged in violence are only suspects. The reign of State-sponsored terror must stop.

T. ANAND RAJ,
Chennai

■ It is unfortunate that bulldozer demolitions are continuing unabated. The law should apply and take its course of action. Otherwise, there will be chaos if various States implement draconian measures to 'punish' citizens.

BIJUMON P.N.,
Mattuthavalam, Upputhara, Kerala

Release and response

A.G. Perarivalan did not go to jail fighting for a cause. Hence the joyous celebrations over his release by some political parties have shocked many. There are also many prisoners who have displayed satisfactory conduct for years but are still languishing in jail. Patriotic citizens are upset.

KANGAYAM R. NARASIMHAN,
Chennai

■ While I can understand some of the justifications made by the Supreme Court in releasing Perarivalan, what I find atrocious is how some political parties, especially in Tamil Nadu, were joyous.
Perarivalan must ponder over what he has done.

N.N. NEELAKANTAN,
Coimbatore

Wimbledon move

If the ATP and WTA have decided to strip Wimbledon of the all-important ranking points, it was of its own making. It goes without saying that preventing or stopping Russia from attacking Ukraine would have been well-nigh impossible for players from Russia and Belarus. The onus is now on Wimbledon to find a way to wriggle out of a situation created by its holier-than-thou attitude (Editorial, May 24).

C.G. KURIAKOSE,
Malippara, Kothamangalam, Kerala

■ I have been following Wimbledon since 1969 and would say that there is still time for the organising committee to reverse its retrograde step. Wimbledon should not behave like a NATO country.

M.V. KUMAR,
Mysuru

■ The decision made by those who matter in Wimbledon is unpalatable given that sportspersons cannot be held accountable for the actions of political leaders. Wimbledon is one of the most coveted and revered championships on earth. Its decision makers must course correct.

AANYA SINGHAL,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

■ Wimbledon has set a bad precedent. Sports and players have nothing to do with politics and the organisers need to be enlightened.

A.V. NARAYANAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

■ Sportsmen are the best ambassadors of world peace and a free and fair playing field with the stars in the all-white Wimbledon code can send out a very powerful message. Even now it is not too late for the men who matter to reverse their decision. The world needs Wimbledon for high quality tennis, well-mannered crowds, strawberries and the rain. Why have a blot now?

SANATH KUMAR T.S.,
Thrissur, Kerala

■ Everyone knows that sport should not be politicised. True, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is unethical, but Russian sportspersons should not be blamed and banned for this. Political winds should not blow over Centre Court.

S. GANESAN,
Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu

Inadequacies of the Civil Registration System

Facts do not support the argument that India has a robust system of registering births and deaths

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The World Health Organization (WHO)'s estimate of excess deaths due to COVID-19 in India triggered several responses. Among them was the response of several State Health Ministers, who slammed the WHO and asserted that India has a "robust, legal and transparent system for data collection and COVID mortality surveillance".

This new-found love for the Civil Registration System (CRS), which was rarely being used as a source of vital statistics, is surprising. The claim was not even made by the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI), which is well aware of the drawbacks of the system, but by politicians. As such, I thought it necessary to place in the public domain some of the facts relating to the quality and completeness of birth and death registrations in the country.

Actual levels of registration

The registration of births and deaths is governed by the Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, 1969. While the State governments are responsible for the establishment and management of the registration system, the Registrar General of India (RGI), who is appointed by the Central government, coordinates and unifies the activities of registration.

Based on a comparison with the vital rates obtained from the sample survey called the Sample Registration System (SRS), the RGI estimated that the country registered about 92.7% of births and 87.8% of deaths in 2019. Corresponding figures for 2020 are not available. Past studies on the SRS indicate that the vital rates are underestimated by 2-3%. This would mean that the levels of registration are probably closer to 90% for births and 85% for deaths.

The number of births and deaths registered in a year include those of earlier years. Some births and deaths are registered only in the following year. This is so even in normal circumstances. For instance, a birth/death in December can be registered in January as 21 days are available for reporting events for registration.

Events reported after 21 days can be registered under the RBD Act. Data provided in the 2020 annual report show that the number of births and deaths registered one year after occurrence is quite high. For example, in Bihar, of the 30.4 lakh births registered in 2020, nearly 7.2 lakh had occurred in 2019 or earlier. In Uttar Pradesh, of the 48.5 lakh births registered in 2020, 5.8 lakh had occurred earlier. More than 15% of the births registered had occurred in earlier years in Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Assam. In Nagaland, the figure was as high as 90%.

In the case of deaths, the proportion of delayed registration was lower. Among the larger States, more than 10% of the deaths registered in 2020 had occurred in earlier years in Assam (13.3%), Jharkhand (14.7%), Rajasthan (15.3%), Uttarakhand (14.8%) and Uttar Pradesh (13%).

To register a birth or death reported after a year of its occurrence requires an order of a First Class Magistrate issued after verifying the facts about the birth or death. In several States, this function has been given to the Sub-Divisional Magistrates. In 2020, about 20.5 lakh births and 7.6 lakh deaths that had occurred over a year earlier were registered. This does not include data for Maharashtra, Delhi, and Sikkim. In 2019, the corresponding figures were 21.6 lakh births and 5.3 lakh deaths. Assuming about 250 working days in a year, on average more than 11,000 delayed registrations are ordered by the Magistrates every day. I am not convinced that these orders are issued after verifying the facts, as required by the law. It may also be noted that this number did not change much in 2020 despite lockdowns.

A robust system should be able to ensure the registration of almost every birth and death within a short time after its occurrence. If we remove from the 2020 data, or the data for any year, the events registered with substantial delay, say three months or more, the picture of completeness would be very different.

COVID-19 impact on registration

COVID-19 resulted in prolonged lockdowns. These could have significantly affected the efficiency of the CRS in the following manner. One, the registrars could not work during lockdowns in many areas. Two, people could not travel to the registrar's office to report the births/deaths that had occurred at home within the prescribed time. Three, in case of a delay of more than 30 days in reporting, the procedure of getting an affidavit or a Magistrate's order as required under Section 13 of the RBD Act is cumbersome. Since it is a requirement under the Act, it could not be relaxed through executive orders. Four, in some States, the functionaries handling registration were deployed on COVID-19-related duties and could not register the events.

The impact of these would not have been uniform across the country as some areas had longer periods of lockdowns or travel restrictions.

One can reasonably expect that a large number of births and deaths that had occurred in 2020 would have been reported for registration in 2021 or even later. It is likely that a reasonable number of deaths, especially among women and children, may not get registered at all because the family may not require the death certificates for settling inheritance, insurance claims, etc. Female deaths formed only 39.8% of the total registered deaths in 2020. This was slightly lower than the corresponding figure of 40.4% recorded in 2019. The percentage of female deaths registered was lowest in Nagaland (26.7%) and highest in Kerala (44.9%). The fact that these numbers are so low points to the need for improvements in the registration system. It is also well known that child deaths have very low levels of registration. This can easily be seen by comparing the registered infant/child deaths with an estimate based on the rates from the SRS. COVID-19 may have worsened the situation to some extent, but it also acted as an eye-opener on the importance of the CRS.

Only about 20% of the deaths have a Medically Certified Cause of Death (MCCD) that conforms to the WHO standard. In other cases, the cause of death is provided by the attending medical practitioner in case of deaths in medical facilities and by the person reporting the death in domiciliary deaths. The State governments have not issued statutory notifications to increase the coverage of MCCD.

Not a strong defence

Thus, the CRS has several shortcomings. These facts do not support the argument that India has a robust system of registering births and deaths. The CRS is yet to mature into a robust and resilient system that can ensure that every birth and death is registered even in normal times, let alone during a pandemic.

While the law and a registration system are in place, it is necessary that the State governments put in more effort to ensure that all births and deaths are registered and more deaths have medically certified causes. This would require coordinated action by several departments of the State that have a stake in the CRS. It is also necessary to publish data in a timely manner so that so that it can aid the formulation of policies and programs backed by evidence.

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Lessons from Russia for India

No amount of advanced technology can compensate for low morale and training, weak command, poor tactics and strategy

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine has had many impacts, but one area which merits more attention is whether it has produced effects sufficient to alter our understanding of warfare. A perusal of the evidence suggests that there is not any significant change in the nature of warfare. However, there are some key takeaways which have implications for the Indian military, which uses a significant amount of Russian-origin weapons systems.

Three claims

There are at least three claims made by proponents that the conflict has heralded a shift in warfare. The first is that the battle tank has been rendered obsolescent, because of the highly effective performance of anti-tank missiles such as the American-built Javelin or Advanced Anti-Tank Weapon System in visiting destruction upon Russian T-90s. But tanks have withstood past obituaries. Immediately after World War I, which witnessed the emergence of the battle tank, there were voices, especially in Britain, pronouncing the death of the tank, because it could not punch through German defences. This conclusion proved misleading because the Germans saw considerable merit in the tank and employed it to devastating effect in the form of the Blitzkrieg in World War II. Fundamentally, at a tactical level, for the tank to be effective requires the use of infantry in close support of armoured operations. As was the case in past wars in which the tank suffered losses, this is still absent in Russia's strategy, which explains why the Russians have suffered such heavy tank losses. As a standalone capability, the tank provides advantages in the form of a trinity of elements – firepower, mobility and protection. No weapons platform for ground operations can serve as a credible substitute.

A second claim is that emerging technologies such as cyber and digital technology, Artificial Intelligence, remotely piloted systems such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and space-borne capabilities have rendered obsolescent legacy platforms such as fighter planes, warships, and artillery weapons. Emerging technologies cannot be a substitute for legacy platforms; they can at best enhance their performance. If precision firepower is to be delivered against adversary targets, legacy systems will matter for launch of ordinance. Emerging technologies can enable better Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, help optimise situational awareness, reduce decision time for commanders from detecting threats to responding to them, and augment sensor to shooter capabilities. The devastating losses incurred by the Russian ground forces from drone and anti-tank attacks operating in Battalion Tactical Groups, comprising largely armour and artillery units and little infantry, seem to have convinced proponents that there is a change in the nature of warfare. Infantry plays a key role in providing protection to any advancing tank column and retaliating when threatened. This doesn't herald a change in warfare, it is just poor tactics.

Finally, the failure of the Russians to effectively apply air power botched the invasion from the outset. This has convinced proponents that air power is not consequential. Indeed, Suppression of Enemy Air Defences should be the foremost requirement for any invading force. Russia's failure to neutralise Ukrainian air defences remains a glaring weakness. Active Ukrainian air defences have compelled the Russians to revise their military aims and confine their military operations to Donbas and the Black Sea coast.

Russia's invasion left long lines of communications and military columns that could not be supplied and reinforced. This left them exposed to lethal interdiction by Ukrainian forces. A corollary to this is the low morale among Russian soldiers consisting of a large number of conscripts and poor command. Military effectiveness is critically a function of troop morale and command competence. These two vital variables have very little to do with technology or logistics.

Key takeaway

The key takeaway for India from Russia's unimpressive military performance is to invest more in sensors, electronic warfare, greater digitisation, satellite communications and unmanned systems not just for reconnaissance and surveillance, but also attack missions. This does not require dispensing with legacy platforms, but rather making them more lethal and effective. India will also need greater missile forces to enhance its offensive capability. The Indian armed forces will need to be proficient at combined arms warfare. No amount of advanced technology can substitute or compensate for low morale and training, weak command, poor tactics and strategy.

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STATE OF PLAY

The uproar over a hug

Stalin alone did not hail the Perarivalan verdict, yet he has become the cynosure of public attention

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It was no surprise when certain sections of society in Tamil Nadu celebrated the news of the Supreme Court ordering the release of A.G. Perarivalan, one of the seven convicts in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. But what has triggered a political controversy is the way Chief Minister M.K. Stalin received Perarivalan on the day of the Supreme Court's decision. The image of the Chief Minister hugging Perarivalan at the Chennai airport went viral, evoking strong reactions from many, including survivors and other persons affected by the bomb blast in which Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in May 1991. While the BJP State president, K. Annamalai, was forthright in criticising the Chief Minister for his reaction, the Congress, an ally of the DMK in Tamil Nadu, simply stuck to disagreeing with the Supreme Court's verdict.

Those directly impacted by the assassination are livid that Mr. Stalin greeted Perarivalan warmly. "What did Perarivalan achieve for the Chief Minister to hug him," asked Anusuya Daisy Ernest, now a retired police officer and one of the survivors of the blast. As a sub-inspector in May 1991 and posted for the security of Rajiv Gandhi, Ms. Ernest had, seconds before the blast, attempted to stop the assassin Dhanu, "the human bomb", from approaching Rajiv Gandhi but the former Prime Minister had restrained her. "Why did the Chief Minister not meet us (the affected persons of the blast)," the former police officer asked. In the last 31 years, successive Chief Ministers did not bother to meet the survivors of the blast and the family members of the 15 persons (apart from Rajiv Gandhi) who were killed in it, she added.

However, Mr. Stalin alone did not hail the verdict. A large number of political parties, including the AIADMK, the principal Opposition party, welcomed the development. In fact, the AIADMK claimed credit for the release of Perarivalan, as it was Jayalalithaa who, as Chief Minister, declared on the floor of the Assembly in February 2014 that if the Centre did not take a decision immediately, her government would go ahead with the decision of the State Cabinet to release all the seven convicts in the case. Perarivalan, along with his mother, Arputham, also met AIADMK coordinator O. Panneerselvam and co-coordinator Edappadi K. Palaniswami. The mother and son went on to meet several other leaders belonging to different parties.

Yet, Mr. Stalin has become the cynosure of public attention. In fact, his consultation with legal experts on the release of the remaining six convicts on the death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi (May 21) too came in for sharp criticism as the Tamil Maanila Congress (M) leader G.K. Vasan said it was like rubbing salt in the wound.

But the DMK's take on the episode is different. Commenting on Mr. Stalin's reception of Perarivalan, the party spokesperson, A. Saravanan, recalled the submission made by the former probe officer, V. Thiagarajan, in an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court in October 2017, that Perarivalan had "absolutely no idea" about the deadly purpose of the two nine-volt batteries he had bought and handed over to the assassins. Contending that such was the material on which Perarivalan was convicted, the spokesperson also pointed out that the former police officer has not been prosecuted for perjury. Besides, the judicial verdict should be viewed as a victory for the rights of States vis-a-vis the powers of the Centre in the present political context, he added.

Notwithstanding the strong reaction to his action, Mr. Stalin's meeting with Perarivalan will remain a subject of discussion for long.

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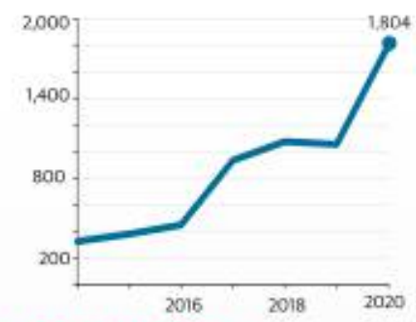
DATA POINT

Section 153A: Cases soar, convictions remain low

Delhi University professor Ratan Lal was arrested on May 20 over a social media post related to the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi. He was arrested under Sections 153A (promoting enmity on the ground of religion, race, and place of birth) and 295A (deliberate act to outrage religious feelings) of the IPC. Data show that cases under Section 153A have increased by six times in 2020 compared to 2014. Among select major crimes, cases registered under Section 153A have among the lowest conviction rates (20.2%) and the second highest police pendency rate (64.3%)

Professor Ratan Lal being produced at Tis Hazari Court in New Delhi on May 21. • PTI

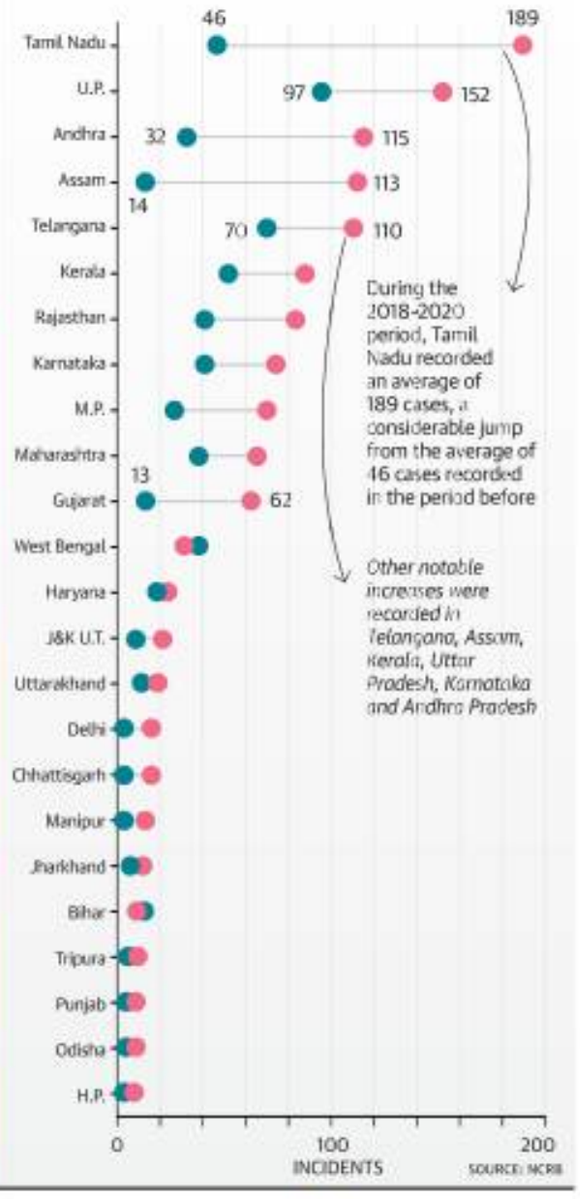
■ ALL INDIA CASES | The chart shows the number of cases filed under Section 153A over the years



The number of cases has almost doubled in the past three years to 1,804 and is six times higher than the 2014 figure

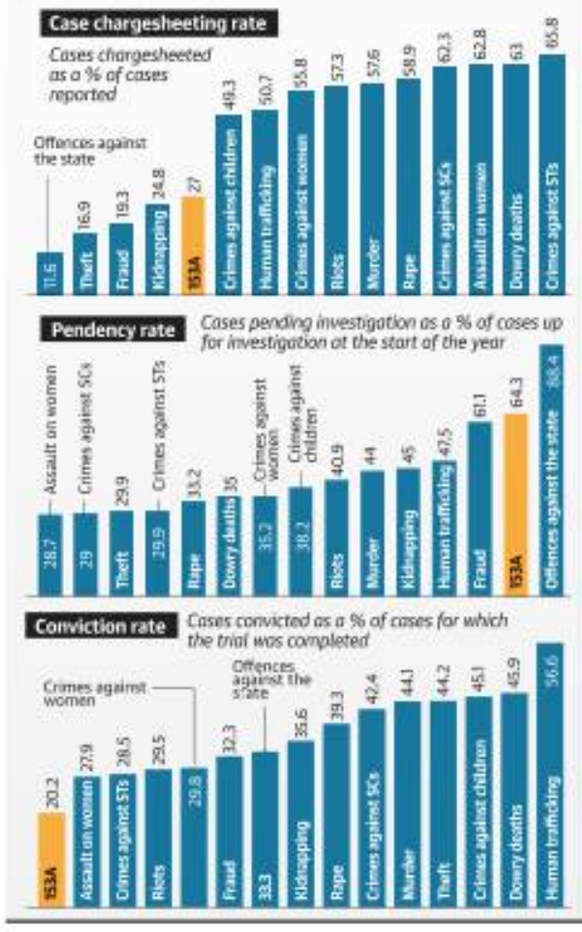
■ STATE-WISE CASES

The chart shows the average number of cases filed under Section 153A during two periods: 2015-2017 (●) and 2018-2020 (●). During the 2018-2020 period, T.N. recorded an average of 189 cases



■ POOR CONVICTION, HIGHER PENDENCY

The chart shows how cases filed under Section 153A fare in terms of the chargesheeting rate, police pendency rate, and conviction rate in 2020



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FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 25, 1972

'An example to new nations'

Lautoka: Fiji's general election had been an example to the rest of the world's developing countries, the Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, said after the conclusion of the first general election after Independence. He said that apart from the success of the Alliance Party, the greatest achievement of the election was the way it was run peacefully and without incidents. He was satisfied with the Alliance's performance in the Indian communal constituencies, which were won by the National Federation Party. The Alliance had increased its percentage of votes. The Prime Minister was asked by reporters how the Alliance explained its unexpected successes in some of the constituencies where the party fought national seats. He said that he did not regard the victories as unexpected. He expected to win these seats as the party organisation was very good in these areas. On the failure of the NFP to attract substantial Fijian support, Ratu Sir Kamisese said the leaders of the party did not understand the Fijian social structure. Its greatest error was the attempt to condemn the chiefs system. The National Federation Party members did not realise that in the Fijian patriarchal society, the chief was the head of the big family. When someone condemned the head of a family, he condemned the whole of the family. He thought the great support of the Alliance had from the Fijians was because of the attention the Government gave to rural areas where the Fijians mainly lived.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MAY 25, 1922

Coonoor

The unusual early outbreak of the monsoon in some way affected the social and the sporting fixtures of the season while the present break in the weather condition is hailed with delight. The long looked for Gymkhana races were held on Saturday and there was a multitude of spectators. However, fortune smiled on the middle class for the lucky winners of the sweep were those of the second enclosure whose windfall will give them an impetus to embark on a new career. A bullock cartman and an Anglo-Indian blacksmith won the lion's share of the prizes. The season's fixture include a missionary Conference and one of the subjects for discussion is the 'primary education of the masses', which the laymen too are equally enthusiastic about.

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Quad is a 'force for good', says Modi

This common operating picture will integrate three critical regions – the Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia, and the Indian Ocean region – in the Indo-Pacific. In close consultations with regional partners, the IPMDA would offer a near-real-time, integrated, and cost-effective maritime domain awareness picture, it stated, adding this initiative would transform the ability of partners in the Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia, and the Indian Ocean region to fully monitor the waters on their shores and, in turn, to uphold a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The grouping would enhance the sharing of data as a part of the "Quad Satellite Data Portal" that would enhance cooperation among the satellites of the member countries. The summit welcomed the progress made regarding the J&J vaccine production at the Biological E labs in India under the Quad Vaccine Partnership.

India, U.S. to work on tech, investment

"Mr. Prime Minister, there's so much that our countries can and will do together, and I am committed to making the U.S.-India partnership among the closest we have on Earth," Mr. Biden said.

Mr. Biden also brought up the concept of "democracies delivering". The President and his administration have described the world, repeatedly, as currently witnessing a battle between democracies and autocracies.

"On our video call in April, you highlighted the need for democracies to deliver. I think that's what we're doing today. We're talking about how to deliver through the Quad and the U.S.-India cooperation as well," he said. The two countries signed an agreement that would allow the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to expand investment support in India for SMEs, healthcare, among others.

Punjab Health Minister sacked in bribe case

He said it was for the first time that a political party was taking action against the corruption of its own people.

"All the governments in the past followed the same system of connivance, whether they not only let their own corrupt leaders off the hook but also colluded with people from other parties and refused to take action against each other," Mr. Kejriwal said.

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of trying to divert attention from serious allegations of corruption against senior party leaders as well as its failure to fulfill promises made to the people of Punjab.

Varanasi court to hear masjid panel plea

Opposing this stance, the Hindu plaintiffs had argued that the two should be heard together along with the report of the commission that conducted the survey and the objections to it.

Significantly, the report of this commission is not yet in the public domain, despite which videos alleged to be part of the survey were leaked. Following this, the Hindu side claimed the discovery of a *Shivling* while the Muslim side disputed this claim, saying the structure was part of a fountain inside the mosque's *wuzu khana*.

The original civil suit was last week transferred to a district court by the Supreme Court.

Goyal bats for local supply chains at WEF

The Minister pointed out several factors like COVID-19, semiconductor chip shortages, the Ukraine crisis, container shortages, which are affecting business globally for the last two years. However, he praised Indian businesses for showing "great resilience" and achieving $421.8 billion worth of exports despite difficulties.

Mr. Goyal said that every Indian diplomatic mission had been given the responsibility of supporting Indian industry.

The senior Minister, who is leading the Indian delegation at Davos, said the government is focused on bringing down logistics costs through initiatives such as PM GatiShakti, and better infrastructure for and implementation of projects on time and within budgets.

J&K constable gunned down by militants

A Kashmiri Pandit, a wineshop employee from Jammu and two policemen were killed in four attacks earlier this month.<EP>Kashmir saw 106 killings in 2022 so far, including 13 civilians, 16 security forces and 77 militants.<EP>

Political parties in Jammu &Kashmir have condemned the attack.

"I unequivocally condemn this attack on Saifullah Qadri of J&K police, in which he lost his life. The cowardly attackers not only killed Constable Qadri but also injured his 7-year-old daughter, who I understand is out of danger now," National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah said.

"The militants have shown their most inhuman face by attacking Saifullah, who was taking his minor daughter to hospital for treatment. Militants have recently been attacking unarmed policemen, who are on leave. The families of militants should also condemn today's act, in which the minor girl of the policeman was injured," Inspector-General of Police Vijay Kumar said.

In south Kashmir's Kulgam district, three civilians were injured in a grenade blast at a checkpoint in Yaripora area on Tuesday evening.

Centre scraps import duties on crude sunflower, soyabean oils

Bid to tame inflation; after wheat, export of sugar restricted to 10 million tonnes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a bid to cool inflation in edible oils, the Centre on Tuesday allowed duty-free import of 20 lakh tonnes each of crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil for this year as well as 2023-24.

Retail inflation in edible oils and fats was 18.8% in March and 17.3% in April, and sunflower oil imports have been constricted due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict since February 24.

The Finance Ministry has notified the duty structure changes which will become operational from May 25, stating that this would provide significant relief to consumers.

Ukraine was the world's largest sunflower oil exporter before the conflict began and India has been striving to tap alternative supplies from rival Russia and countries such as Argentina.

Last October, the government reduced the basic import duties on edible oils amid runaway prices.

The import duty on crude palm oil was slashed to 2.5%, from 10%, while those on crude soya and sunflower oils were cut to 2.5%, from 7.5%.

In another development, after wheat, the Centre has decided to restrict the export of sugar to 10 million tonnes.

Burning issue: Prices of edible oils have been ruling high, stoking the retail inflation rate. • REUTERS

The Union Department of Food and Public Distribution said in a statement here on Tuesday the decision was in the wake of "unprecedented growth in exports of sugar" and the need to maintain sufficient stock of sugar in the country. It is for the first time in six years that the Centre is regulating sugar exports. The move will come into effect from June 1.

According to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), the industry has signed contracts to export over 8.5 million tonnes of sugar.

Of these, around 7.1 million tonnes have been physically exported out of the country till the end of April.

In the last year, the country had exported 4.3 million lakh tonnes till April, 2021.

Preparing for more Amarnath Yatris: CRPF

Yatra being held after three years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU

Security agencies in Jammu and Kashmir are preparing to host an extra number of pilgrims in the camping cities this year during the Amarnath Yatra and a detailed deployment is in place to safeguard the pilgrimage, according to Deputy Inspector General (DIG), CRPF, Rajendra Prasad.

"All the security agencies have been planning for the Yatra for the past two to three months. We are fully ready to cater to the expected extra pilgrims this year and security has been planned for the camping cities," Mr. Prasad stated during a medical camp organised for pilgrims in Jammu on May 24.

"There will be challenges but we are fully prepared," Mr. Prasad added.

Both evil as well as good elements were present in society and "people should keep an eye on anti-national elements and report any suspicious movement", the Deputy Inspector General (DIG), CRPF noted.

The Central government is deploying 15,000 paramilitary troops more than the strength of personnel manning the Amarnath Yatra routes in 2019.

The DIG, CRPF said, "Additional deployment is being done. We have drawn an outline-details of deployment already made in the main sensitive areas."

"Security arrangements have been made at the place where pilgrims will stay so that any anti-social element can be nabbed in time," he added. The Amarnath Yatra will start in June after a gap of three years.

ED records NSE ex-MD Chitra's statement

It was done under PMLA in Tihar jail

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has recorded the statement of former National Stock Exchange (NSE) managing director Chitra Ramkrishna in connection with the co-location "scam" case.

The statement of Ms. Ramkrishna, who was arrested by the CBI in March, was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in the Tihar Jail on two occasions. Her bail plea was rejected by a special CBI court, following which she has approached the Delhi High Court.

The money laundering probe is based on the CBI's case and its recent chargesheet against Ms. Ramkrishna and former NSE group operating officer, Anand Subramanian, who was arrested by the agency in February. In the chargesheet, the agency has alleged that Ms. Ramkrishna had coerced the then NSE's Human Resources Department to hire Mr. Subramanian as the chief strategic adviser in 2013. During her tenure, accused stock broker firm OPG Securities gained preferential access to the NSE data feed through its secondary server.

Chitra Ramkrishna

'Unlawful' gain

It is alleged that from January 2010 to May 2015, the company had logged on to the secondary server for 670 trading days. It made an "unlawful" gain of about ₹15.57 crore, according to the SEBI.

Ms. Ramkrishna held the post of NSE MD and CEO from April 1, 2013, to December 2, 2016. Last week, the agency conducted searches at more than 10 locations and expanded its investigation in the case after the suspected role of several trading members in the "scam" surfaced during the scrutiny of the documents gathered from the SEBI.

My father's death biggest learning experience: Rahul

Congress leader's meet with Corbyn invites BJP's wrath

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CAMBRIDGE

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said that the assassination of his father and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was the "single biggest learning experience" of his life, saying he cannot get away from the fact that the event also made him learn things he would have never learnt otherwise.

In conversation with Indian-origin academic Shruti Kapila at the University of Cambridge on Monday, he was asked about the death anniversary of his father.

Dr. Kapila, Associate Professor in the Faculty of History at Corpus Christi College, posed the Opposition MP with a "Gandhian question" of violence and how to live with it at a personal level. "The single biggest learning experience of my life was my father's death. There is no bigger experience than that," said Mr. Gandhi, after several minutes of pause during which the 51-year-old leader seemed visibly moved.

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sam Pitroda with U.K.'s Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn in London. • @INC OVERSEAS

"Now, I can look at it and say the person or the force that killed my father caused me tremendous pain – that's correct, as a son I lost my father and that was very painful... But then I can't get away from the fact that the same event also made me learn things that I would never ever have learnt otherwise. So, as long as you are ready to learn, it doesn't matter how nasty or evil people are."

Mr. Gandhi's meeting with British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn in London triggered a row back home with the BJP asking him whether he endorsed the U.K. leader's "anti-India" views.

Congress riposte

The Congress justified Mr. Gandhi's meeting and shared pictures of Mr. Corbyn with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ask whether he too endorsed the "anti-India" views of the U.K. MP.

The interactive session at Cambridge marked the conclusion of Mr. Gandhi's U.K. tour, which began last week at the "Ideas for India" conference in London.

Karti says FIR against him is a 'witch-hunt'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha member and Congress leader Karti P. Chidambaram, who was booked last week for allegedly facilitating visas for Chinese professionals illegally, has denied all charges against him, calling it a "witch hunt".

Last week, special teams of the CBI registered an FIR against him, accusing him of facilitating visas for 250 Chinese professionals in 2011 in exchange for bribes. His father P. Chidambaram was then the Union Home Minister.

He was in Europe for the past two weeks on a family and work visit and was headed back home on Tuesday.

In a statement, he said that he is not associated with this visa issue "directly, indirectly, vicariously or even telepathically!" Mr. Chidambaram denied any relationship with the corporate entities mentioned in the FIR.

"I have never facilitated even a single Chinese national in their visa process, let alone 250," he said.

BMS to hold nationwide conventions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), the trade union arm of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), has decided to hold six national conventions in various parts of the country to sensitise people against the "privatisation and corporatisation" policies of the Narendra Modi government.

A meeting of the BMS office bearers held in Bhopal also reviewed the ongoing nationwide agitations demanding restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS)

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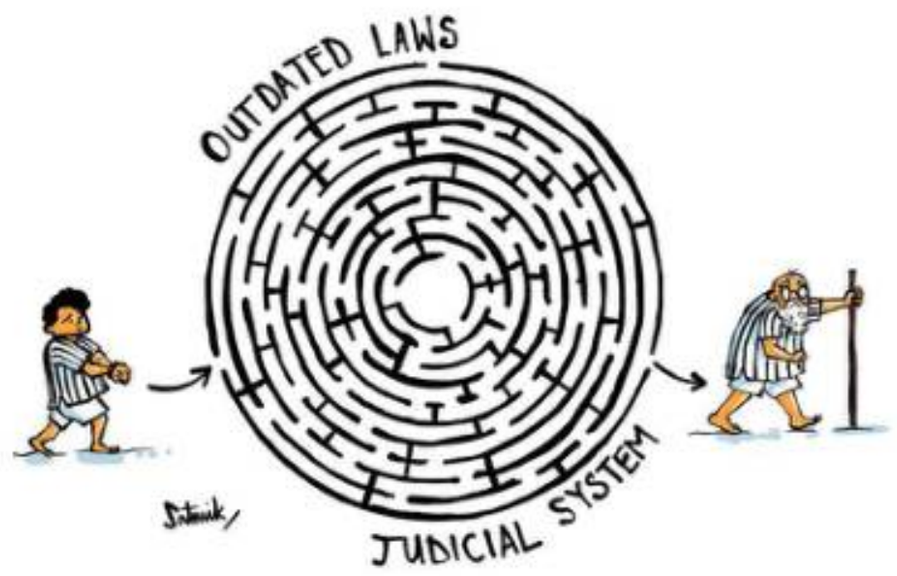

Maharashtra ATS arrests terror suspect in Pune

Man in touch with 'terror operatives'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

In a major probe, the Pune unit of the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on Tuesday arrested a man from the city's Dapodi area, alleged to be in touch with terror operatives from Jammu and Kashmir.

The suspect, identified as Junaid Mohammed, was later produced in court by the ATS and remanded in police custody till June 3.

According to authorities, Junaid, who is in his early 20s, hails from Khamgaon in Buldhana district.

He has been staying with relatives in Dapodi and was working at a scrap dealer's shop, though he is believed to have changed residences a number of times, said officials.

As per the ATS, the suspect has been in contact with Kashmir-based operatives of the terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and had visited Jammu and Kashmir no less than six times in the last two years.

He had allegedly been maintaining contact with terror operatives through phone messenger groups and had even received some money for terror-related activities.

The prosecution said that Junaid, through social media platforms like Facebook, had been tasked with recruitment for LeT groups and was believed to have conducted reconnaissance for a possible strike.

He had apparently changed his mobile phone several times in order to give the authorities the slip.

The Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) is probing the possibility of Junaid's contacts being from Pakistan and will be taking the suspect to Kashmir in order to make him reveal the full nature of his contact with terror operatives.

Security tightened in Amritsar city

Police on their toes with flag marches as radical outfits call for a 'shutdown'

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH

With radical Sikh outfits giving a call for a 'shutdown' in Amritsar ahead of the 38th anniversary of Operation Bluestar, security across the city has been beefed up.

Amid the recent spate of incidents surrounding the 'Khalistan' connection in Punjab and its neighbouring States, and the clash in Patiala, the police are leaving nothing to chance. Flag marches are being conducted in the city, apart from intense checking at several places to maintain law and order. To keep an eye on possible troublemakers, CCTV cameras have been installed on all major routes.

On April 29, a clash broke out in Patiala between different groups of people over the holding of a march against the backdrop of the call by the banned outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) to mark the so called foundation day of 'Khalistan'.

"We are a bit extra cautious this year in the wake of the recent Patiala incident. This [the Operation Bluestar anniversary] is an annual event and we are always prepared. But this year, we are making necessary preparations a little early to ensure the maintenance of law and order. Flag marches are being held in the city. Adequate police and paramilitary forces are being deployed," Arun Pal Singh, Commissioner of Police (Amritsar), told *The Hindu*. Punjab DGP V. K. Bhawra recently chaired a meeting to review the law and order situation.

Safeguarding the nation: Security forces deployed at Amritsar on May 21 ahead of Operation Blue Star anniversary. • AFP

APPEAL

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Sonia sets up Task Force 2024

G-23 members Azad and Sharma named as members of Political Affairs Group

SANDEEP PHUKHAN
NEW DELHI

Former Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma are among the members of the Political Affairs Group (PAG) announced by Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday. Poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu has been included in the Task Force 2024 for the next Lok Sabha election.

A nine-member central planning committee for the *Bharat Jodo Yatra*, beginning on October 2 from Kanyakumari, has also been constituted. All these panels are a follow-up to the announcements made by Ms. Gandhi at the *Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir* in Udaipur on May 15.

However, some senior leaders described the move as "tokenism". "As they say, it is foolish to expect different results from doing the same thing over and over again," a senior leader said.

Party plan: Congress president Sonia Gandhi with Rahul Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal, in this file photo. • PTI

An informal meeting of the Task Force took place at the Congress headquarters where leaders decided to meet every two or three days to review the party's preparedness on key issues.

The presence of Mr. Azad and Mr. Sharma in the PAG is significant as both are members of the G-23, the ginger group pushing for internal reforms. The PAG is a compromise to partially accommodate the demand of the G-23 to restore the Congress Parliamentary Board for collective decision-making.

While announcing it on May 15, Ms. Gandhi said, "The new group is not a collective decision-making body but will help me get the benefit of the vast experience of senior colleagues."

The group members include former party chief Rahul Gandhi and Gandhi family loyalists Mallikarjun Kharge, Ambika Soni, Digvijaya Singh, K.C. Venugopal and Jitendra Singh.

Former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram will head the Task Force that includes party strategist Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Ajay Maken and Randeep Surjewala.

Mr. Kanugolu, a former aide of poll strategist Prashant Kishor, is handling poll management in Karnataka and Telangana.

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh will head the *Bharat Jodo Yatra* committee that will also include Sachin Pilot, Shashi Tharoor and Ravneet Singh Bittu.

Qutub not a place of worship: ASI

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Tuesday reserved its order on a plea challenging the dismissal of a civil suit that sought to "restore" 27 Hindu and Jain temples inside the Qutub Minar complex here – claiming they were demolished to build the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque.

The original suit was last year dismissed by a civil judge in Delhi, citing that it was barred under the provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, following which the petitioners had filed the present appeal.

Arguing before Additional District Judge Nikhil Chopra of the Saket court, petitioner Hari Shankar Jain submitted that the dismissal of their suit based on the 1991 Act was wrong because the Qutub complex has been exempted from the Act as it comes under the purview of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act of 1958.

The Archaeological Survey of India opposed Mr. Jain's plea, submitting that the Qutub Minar complex is not a place of worship and neither was it one when it was first notified as a protected monument in 1914.

The court listed the matter for orders on June 9.

Boundaries of Places of Worship Act being probed

Recent orders testing the protective grip of 1991 legislation

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Recent happenings in courts in Delhi, Varanasi, Mathura and the Supreme Court test the protective grip and probe the boundaries of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991. The Act prohibits conversion of places of worship and provides for the maintenance of their religious character as it existed on August 15, 1947.

The Ayodhya judgment of the Supreme Court said the 1991 Act "speaks to our history and to the future of the nation... In preserving the character of places of public worship, Parliament has mandated in no uncertain terms that history and its wrongs shall not be used as instruments to oppress the present and the future."

These very observations in the Ayodhya verdict are quoted by a Delhi civil judge while dismissing a suit to "restore" alleged Hindu and Jain temples inside the Qutub Minar complex. "Every endeavour should be made to enforce the objective of The Places of Worship Act... Our country had a rich history and seen challenging times. Nevertheless, history has to be accepted as a whole. Can the good be retained and bad be deleted from our history?" the civil court stated in November 2021.

Police personnel outside the Varanasi District Court. • PTI

On May 19, the Mathura court gave a "considered view" that the 1991 Act did not bar a suit challenging the "fraudulent" compromise between the Sri Krishna Janmsthan Sewa Sangh and the Trust Masjid Idgah.

NEWS ANALYSIS

A Varanasi civil court constituted an advocate commission to conduct a videographic survey of the Gyanvapi mosque premises. It later ordered, even before the commission filed its report, the sealing of a portion of the site when informed by Hindu plaintiffs that a *shivling* was reportedly found during the survey.

Anjuman Intejamia Masjid, the Gyanvapi mosque's caretakers, urged the top court to "nip in the bud" these "null and void" orders of the Varanasi court.. They alleged the commission was "appointed to see whether there were any deities there, any symbols relating to another religion... and this is precisely what the 1991 Act bars". Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, for the caretakers, argued that "there is no dispute as far as the existence of this property is concerned for a period of 500 years and the religious character of the mosque... It is this religious character that has to be protected, otherwise the Places of Worship Act and the object of the Act will become a dead-letter".

However, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, leading the Bench, orally observed that "ascertainment of the religious character of a place is not barred by the Act". The top court described the appointment of the commission as a "procedural mechanism" for determining the "religious character of the place". The Bench said it was not unknown that religious places in India had a "hybrid character". It reiterated an earlier order to secure the area where the *shivling* was reportedly found and allow Muslims to offer *namaz* at the Gyanvapi mosque while transferring the case to the district judge.

Congress, BJP scout for RS candidates

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

With the nomination process for elections to four Rajya Sabha seats in Rajasthan starting on Tuesday, the ruling Congress and the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are looking for suitable candidates to be fielded amid an intense lobbying by the aspirants.

The Congress is likely to get a clear victory on two of the seats in view of its majority in the 200-member Assembly, where it has 108 seats.

Since the Congress is likely to bag two seats and the BJP one, there will be a tough fight for the fourth seat. BJP leader Rajendra Rathore, who is the Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, said the party would field two candidates, as it had 30 surplus votes, and would welcome any "unhappy MLA" from the other side willing to support its nominees. The BJP has 71 MLAs.

Meghalaya govt. under fire after Assembly dome collapse

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Meghalaya government has been under fire for allegedly encouraging corruption and misuse of funds after the dome of the under-construction Assembly building collapsed on May 22.

The BJP, a constituent of the alliance government headed by the National People's Party (NPP), has been particularly severe on Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma. It accused him of misusing the Central funds "provided by the BJP" for the benefit of NPP leaders and contractors and setting an example of bad governance.

Bernard N. Marak, vice-president of the State BJP unit, said Mr. Sangma should either let the CBI probe the collapse of the 70-tonne dome and other irregularities or quit.

"The BJP had anticipated good governance, all-round development and zero corruption when it lent support to the NPP. But the Chief Minister let the BJP and the people of the State down," he stated.

The Congress and the Trinamool Congress also slammed Mr. Sangma for "commission raj" resulting in shoddy work on several infrastructure projects. They cited the collapse of a few under-construction bridges linking strategic villages and the inter-State bus terminus (ISBT) that has been crumbling after the first showers in Meghalaya.

Near State capital Shillong, the ISBT was inaugurated a few months ago. But its ceiling has been leaking and its walls have cracked.

Sena fields Sanjay Pawar for sixth Rajya Sabha seat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

After Kolhapur royal Sambhajiraje Chhatrapati declined the Shiv Sena's offer to join the party and contest as its candidate for the Rajya Sabha elections, the Sena on Tuesday said it was fielding its Kolhapur district president Sanjay Pawar as the candidate for the sixth Upper House seat from Maharashtra. Mr. Sambhajiraje had earlier said he would contest as an Independent.

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IN BRIEF

Health Secretary to head key World Health panel

NEW DELHI

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed chairperson of the Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA). The Committee B primarily discusses administrative and financial matters of the World Health Organization. This year, the panel will discuss and prepare report on many important issues which includes budget for the WHO, prevention of sexual exploitation and reforms.

Centre launches annual sanitation survey of cities

NEW DELHI

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on Tuesday launched the annual sanitation survey of cities with the theme of 'waste to wealth'. The Swachh Survekshan 2023 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 will be the eighth edition of the national survey of cleanliness in cities. With the theme 'Waste to Wealth' as its philosophy, it is curated towards achieving circularity in waste management.

Tripura CM leaves for Delhi to meet PM

AGARTALA

Manik Saha left for Delhi on Tuesday evening on his first visit after assuming charge as Chief Minister of Tripura following the resignation of his predecessor, Biplab Kumar Deb. He will make courtesy calls on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP's national general secretary B.L. Santosh during his stay at the national capital and discuss organisational matters.

Bail plea of filmmaker Avinash Das rejected

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday rejected the transit anticipatory bail plea of filmmaker Avinash Das, who was booked by the Gujarat police for sharing a photo of Union Home Minister Amit Shah along with Jharkhand cadre IAS officer Pooja Singhal, who was recently arrested by the ED. She was held for alleged embezzlement of MGNREGA funds in Jharkhand.

Bengal govt. announces polls to GTA on June 26

KOLKATA

The West Bengal government on Tuesday announced that elections to the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) will be held on June 26. It comes amidst calls by political parties and citizen groups against holding elections to the regional autonomous body. The GTA was set up as a result of a tripartite agreement between the Centre, State government and the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha in 2011.

60% e-waste recycling likely by 2023

Draft notification says companies will have to pay 'environmental compensation' for missed targets

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023 with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025, respectively, according to a draft notification by the Environment Ministry made public this week.

The rules bring into effect a system of trading in certificates, akin to carbon credits, that will allow companies to temporarily bridge shortfalls.

A wide range of electronic goods, including laptops, landline and mobile phones, cameras, recorders, music systems, microwaves, refrigerators and medical equipment, have been specified in the notification.

All aboard: Electronic goods such as laptops and phones will come within the ambit of the new rules. • FILE PHOTO

Public feedback

India, which is unique among South Asian countries in that it has a formal set of rules for electronic waste management, first announced these rules in 2016 and amended them in 2018.

The latest rules, which have been put up for public feedback, are expected to come into effect by August.

Along with specifying targets, the rules lay out a system of companies securing extended producer responsibility (EPR) certificates.

These certificates certify the quantity of e-waste collected and recycled in a particular year by a company and an organisation may sell surplus quantities to another company to help it meet its obligations.

"The earlier rules stressed collection targets. Now we are emphasising the EPR, recycling and trading. This follows from the government's objective to promote a circular economy," Naresh Gangwar, Additional Secretary, Environment Ministry, told *The Hindu*.

Companies will have to register on an online portal and specify their annual production and e-waste collection targets.

The chief entity that will coordinate the trade of EPR certificates and monitor if companies are meeting their targets is the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Dealing with delays

Specifically, a steering committee to be headed by the Chairman of the CPCB will oversee the overall implementation of these regulations. Companies that don't meet their annual targets will have to pay a fine or an "environmental compensation", but the draft doesn't specify the quantum of these fines. In fact, companies that fall short can meet a year's target, even after three years. Those that meet their targets with a year's delay will be refunded 85% of their fine, and 60% and 30% after the second and third year, respectively.

In March 2020, the government said it more than doubled the electronic waste (e-waste) it recycled in 2018-19 over 2017-18. This translated to a 10% recycling rate in 2017-18 rising to a little over 20% in 2018-19.

The EPR requires producers to set up e-waste exchange facilities to facilitate collection and recycling, and assign specific responsibility to bulk consumers of electronic products for safe disposal.

The State governments have been entrusted with the responsibility of earmarking industrial space for e-waste dismantling and recycling facilities, undertaking industrial skill development and establishing measures for protecting the health and safety of workers engaged in the dismantling and recycling facilities for e-waste.

The e-waste produced in India as per the data provided by the government is lower than estimates by international agencies.

According to the Global E-Waste Monitor 2017, India generates about 2 million tonnes (MT) of e-waste annually and ranks fifth among e-waste producing countries, after the U.S., China, Japan and Germany.

Most of India's e-waste is recycled by the informal sector and under hazardous conditions and a thrust of the e-waste rules is to have more of this waste handled by the formal sector.

Ayushman Bharat Health Account app relaunched

New user interface, more utilities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Health Authority (NHA), under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), on Tuesday announced the launch of a revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) mobile application.

The ABHA app, previously known as the NDHM Health Records app, is available on the Google Play Store and already has over four lakh downloads.

The updated version of the app has a new user interface (UI) and added functionalities that enable individuals to access their health records anytime and anywhere. The existing ABHA app users can also update their previous app versions to the latest one.

Allows self-uploading

The ABHA app enables an individual to create an ABHA address (username@abdm), an easy-to-remember username that can be linked with the 14-digit randomly generated ABHA number. It also enables users to link their health records created at an ABDM-compliant health facility and view them on their smartphones.

It allows self-uploading of physical health records in the ABDM-compliant health lockers, along with sharing of digital health records such as diagnostic reports, prescriptions and CoWIN vaccination certificate after the consent of an individual through the ABDM network.

In addition to this, the app has new functionalities such as edit profile and link and unlink ABHA number (14 digit) with ABHA address. Other functionalities such as login via face and fingerprint authentication and ability to scan QR code at the counter of the ABDM-compliant facility for express registration shall also be released soon.

R.S. Sharma, CEO, National Health Authority (NHA), said: "The ABHA app will be instrumental in helping citizens to create their longitudinal health records."

Old seats on Air India force DGCA to step in

Ban on booking of unserviceable seats

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

Tattered seat covers, broken head rests, taped arm rests and dysfunctional seat-back entertainment screens – an old and unrelenting problem for Air India continues to be a worry for its new owners, Tata Sons.

Of late, many passengers have complained on social media that they were denied boarding or downgraded from business class to economy because of unserviceable seats, prompting the DGCA on Tuesday to order all airlines in the country to ensure no unserviceable seats were sold to passengers.

"This is the state of Air India flight AI188 from Toronto to Delhi with seats broken, screen not working, the flight not cleaned properly. Expect better services from @TataCompanies. Why would people choose @airindiain if this is the state of the flight," wrote one Akshay on Twitter.

The DGCA has said that such issues also raise safety concerns.

Passenger experiences

Another passenger, Ritu Grover, wrote that she travelled from Delhi to San Jose on May 17 on an Air India flight on "broken seats".

One Dattatrey Phatnaik likened Air India's seats to "toilet commodes", and requested that the aircraft on the Mumbai-Muscat route be replaced. A business class passenger also shared pictures of the in-flight entertainment monitor taped together. The DGCA has said that such issues not only cause inconvenience to passengers but also raise safety concerns. Air India's Boeing 777 aircraft that fly to long-haul destinations such as the U.S. are the ones that have broken seats and damaged seat-back screens.

"Seats on Boeing 777s have been crying for attention for past several years, but because of the government's plan for disinvestment, entire expenditure on their replacement was stopped. Only damaged parts were being replaced," said a former official who has served in the airline's engineering department.

He said it was not fair to expect changes overnight under the new owners.

Pink sandstones for Ram Mandir

Trust says about 4.7 lakh cubic feet of carved stones will be used

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTD
LUCKNOW

The installation of carved sandstones at and around the *sanctum sanctorum* of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will commence soon, the trust managing the construction of the temple in the Uttar Pradesh town has said.

The installation of the carved stones and the work on the plinth will go on simultaneously, the Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Teerth Kshetra (SRJTK) said.

Pink sandstones from the hills of the Bansi-Paharpur area in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan are being used in the construction of the temple. About 4.7 lakh cubic feet of carved stones will be used. They have started arriving in Ayodhya from Pindwara town of Sirohi district in Rajasthan, the trust said.

The work of heightening the plinth started on January 24 and is under progress. It will be raised to a height of 6.5 metres and granite stone blocks from Karnataka and Telangana will be used for this. The work may be completed by September 2022, it noted in a statement. The foundation stone of the temple was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 5, 2020.

In the works: Construction work underway at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. • PTI

Use of Makrana marble

White marbles from the Makrana hills of Rajasthan will be used inside the *garbhgrih* area of the temple. Carving of the Makrana white marbles is on and some of the carved ones have started reaching Ayodhya.

"At present, all the activities are in progress simultaneously, e.g., the installation of granite blocks for plinth and of carved pink sandstone blocks around the sanctum sanctorum, carving work of pink sandstones at Pindwara, etc. The entire work will also prove to be an engineering marvel," it said.

Electric scooter fires report under study

Another panel to suggest additional safety standards

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The Centre is "studying" the findings of a probe conducted by an independent committee into recent electric scooter fires.

"We are studying and analysing the report. These fires were related to cells," said a senior official of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on condition of anonymity without sharing more details about the cause of the different fires or the recommendations of the committee.

Independent experts

In March, the Ministry appointed a panel of independent experts from the Defence Fire and Explosive Laboratory, New Delhi, the Naval System Development Laboratory in Visakhapatnam and the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru.

This followed after many electric scooters caught fire, including the models of Ola Electric, Okinawa, Pure EV and Jitendra EV.

The senior official also said that the Ministry had now constituted another committee to strengthen safety standards for electric vehicles on the basis of the probe report submitted.

This panel includes those from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Material, apart from the three institutes that investigated the scooter fires. They have been given six weeks to submit their recommendations.

The current Automative Industry Standard (AIS) 048 for battery-operated vehicles lays down various tests that need to be carried out, including mechanical, vibration, overcharge, short-circuit and shock tests. These will be replaced by AIS 156 norms, which have been notified and will come into effect from December 2022 that also require tests for overheating protection and gaseous emissions.

Baghel sets a record with votive offering

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

During his ongoing "meet-and-greet" outreach programme, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel visited the Danteshwari temple in Dantewada on Tuesday morning and offered an 11-km-long *chunari* to the deity of the 14 century temple.

The State government has said that the length of the *chunari*, prepared by over 300 women of DANNEX garments unit, a government-supported garment manufacturing initiative whose units are located in Dantewada, is a world record.

This is not the first time Mr. Baghel has visited a temple during this outreach programme.

Earlier, during this leg of his Bastar tour, Mr. Baghel reached the Battisa temple in Barsur and offered prayers to Lord Shiva.

During his tenure of three-and-a-half years, Mr. Baghel has taken many initiatives, which sources close to the ruling Congress and those in the Opposition say are to counter the BJP's Hindutva narrative. There were reports of Mr. Baghel and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath having argued in the Udaipur *Chintan Shivir* that the party should not shy away from Hindu festivals.

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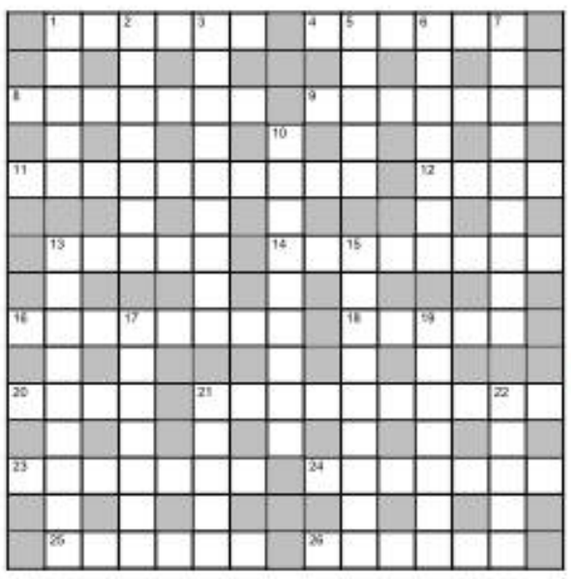

ACROSS

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4 A large state, basically separated, also known as The Last Frontier! (6)
8 Very trendy clothes – good to order again! (7)
9 Impressive area outside a city (7)
11 Part I scheduled and prescribed (10)
12 Extremely large device (4)
13 Small change brought about with sea movements (5)
14 Narrowly avoided annoying seminars (4,4)
16 Plant seller takes loan regularly to start with (8)
18 Headed back before an unknown hold-up (5)
20 Small island in Africa – unoccupied landmass (4)
21 The boomers can be difficult (10)
23 A demand is seen in this aromatic flavour (7)
24 One very happy about man's first sexual union (7)
25 Lots of food – no starters (6)
26 Contract is about principles (6)

DOWN

1 Spotted, say, in a set (5)
2 Agreed with everyone drawn outside (7)
3 Is alleged to become decriminalised (9)
5 Leader of labour union communist drew (5)
6 Criminal can and must retreat (7)
7 A couple in Russia gets to Libya with difficulty (9)
10 Whatever the case, a treaty with North America is questionable (2,3,4)
13 Attacks one artist badly (5,4)
15 Prepared after a day and gave a speech (9)
17 Mistake hidden by journalist – slipped by (7)
19 Food prices decline in Latin America and North America (7)
21 Note from club revealed (5)
22 Ideas given by a couple of setters? (5)

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Solution to puzzle 13564

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Problems and solutions

The story of Vena, described in the Bhagavata Purana, is less popular and not as inspiring as those of Dhruva or Prahlada. Yet it is important as it reveals many psychological insights into the ways and means by which people try to confront many of life's problems, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse. Though Vena was born as a gift from the yagna performed by king Anga and his wife, he grew up to be unrighteous. The king was sad that he could not correct his son even after various punishments.

Soon he came to the conclusion that it would have been better to have remained childless than have a son of this type since in comparison, a childless parent could be considered more fortunate. For, he would not have to face the prospect of unbearable sorrow that an unworthy son can give a parent as in his case. A son of wicked ways would be a perennial source of sorrow to a parent. He also thought that in one respect having a bad son rather than someone who is good and virtuous can be truly advantageous to a parent. The reason he felt so was because the unbearable miseries caused by the bad son would very likely inspire one with vairagya and viveka towards worldly life.

He decided to renounce family life that has its quota of troubles. So he departed from the palace and though the people searched for him, he was not to be found anywhere. The sages then decided that since the kingdom needed a king, Vena being the heir should be crowned king. But Vena proved to be most unrighteous in all aspects. Eventually Vena's evil ways brought about his end even as the rishis overtly displayed their disapproval of Vena. But by God's Sankalpa, the righteous Prithu was born by churning the body of the dead Vena.

Xinjiang leak puts Uighurs in spotlight

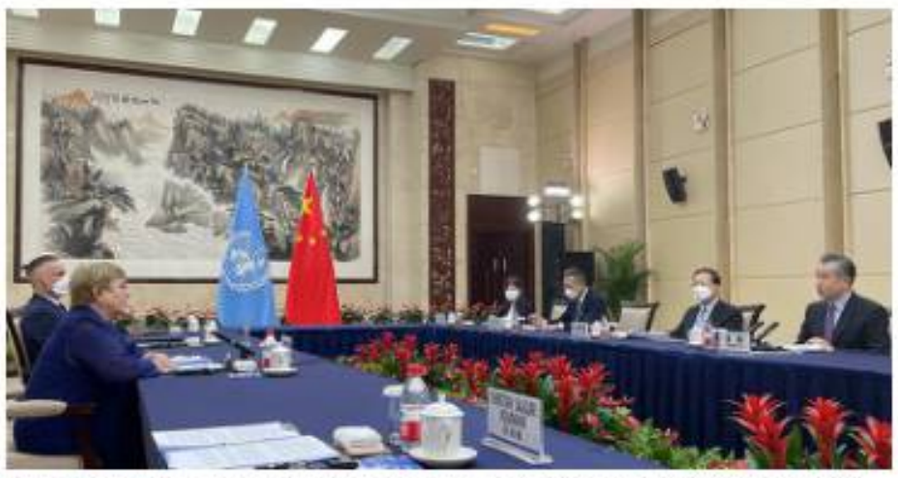
Thousands of photos, official documents point to 'violent methods used by authorities against minorities'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

A leak of thousands of photos and official documents from China's Xinjiang has shed new light on the methods used to enforce mass internment in the region, researchers said on Tuesday.

The files, obtained by academic Adrian Zenz, were published as UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet begins a long-awaited and controversial trip to Xinjiang.

Activists say Chinese authorities have detained more than one million Uighurs and other mostly Muslim minorities in a network of detention centres and prisons in the region, which Beijing has defended as training centres.



Friction points: UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet, left, speaking with China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, right, during their meeting in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou. • AFP

Database hacked

But the trove of police photographs and internal documents – sent to Mr. Zenz by an anonymous source who hacked into official databases in Xinjiang – add to evidence that the mass internments were far from voluntary, with leaked documents showing top leaders in Beijing including President Xi Jinping calling for a forceful crackdown.

The files include a 2017 internal speech by Chen Quanguo, a former Communist Party secretary in Xinjiang, in which he allegedly orders guards to shoot to kill anyone who tries to escape, and calls for officials in the region to "exercise firm control over religious believers".

A 2018 internal speech by Public Security Minister Zhao Kezhi mentions direct orders from Mr. Xi to increase the capacity of detention facilities.

'Training schools'

After initially denying their existence, Beijing has claimed the facilities are vocational training schools, attended voluntarily and aimed at stamping out religious extremism.

But the leaked documents give an insight into how leaders saw the minority population as a security threat, with Mr. Zhao warning that more than two million people in southern Xinjiang alone had been "severely influenced by the infiltration of extremist religious thought".

More than 2,800 police photos of Xinjiang detainees included minors such as 17-year-old Zeytunigul Ablehet, detained for listening to an illegal speech, and 16-year-old Bilal Qasim, apparently sentenced for being related to other detainees.

The details echo a separate police list leaked earlier to AFP which showed the government crackdown snaring hundreds of people at a time from villages, often many from the same household.

"The sort of paranoid threat perception comes out in these files, and the internal justification for why one has to move against an entire population," said Mr. Zenz in video comments published alongside the leaked files.

Mr. Zenz works for the U.S.-based non-profit organisation, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.

Photos appear to show officers restraining hooded and shackled inmates with batons, while other guards wearing camouflage stand by with firearms.

China's Foreign Ministry dismissed the leaked documents as "cobbled-together material" by "anti-China forces smearing Xinjiang".

'U.S. policy on Taiwan unchanged'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

President Joe Biden on Tuesday said Washington's "strategic ambiguity" policy for Taiwan remains in place, a day after his comment about readiness to defend the island against a Chinese invasion suggested a change.

"No", Mr. Biden told reporters in Tokyo when asked if the policy was now dead. "The policy has not changed at all. I stated that when I made my statement yesterday."

Joe Biden

Mr. Biden's latest declaration followed similar insistence from top U.S. officials that a decades-old approach to Taiwan remains in place.

This includes arming the democratic island for its own defence, while acknowledging China's legal sovereignty and expressing "strategic ambiguity" on whether U.S. troops would ever intervene.

The reassurances follow Mr. Biden's answer to a question at a press conference in Tokyo on Monday, where he said "yes," when asked if Washington would be willing to get involved militarily in Taiwan's defence.

Chinese, Russian jets flew nearby as Quad met: Japan

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

Chinese and Russian fighter jets carried out joint flights over the Sea of Japan and the East China Sea on May 24 as leaders of the Quad bloc met in Tokyo, Japan's Defence Minister said.

Nobuo Kishi said Tokyo had expressed "grave concerns" to Russia and China over the flights, which took place while leaders from the United States, India, Australia and Japan held talks on regional security. "Two Chinese bombers joined two Russian bombers in the Sea of Japan and made a joint flight to the East China Sea," Mr. Kishi told reporters.

"After that, a total of four aircraft, two presumed (new) Chinese jets – which replaced the two Chinese bombers – and two Russian bombers, conducted a joint flight from the East China Sea to the Pacific Ocean."

Off limits: People trying to make their way through a road partially blocked with containers in Islamabad. • AFP

Pak. bans Imran's rally, cracks down on cadres

Ousted PM is calling for snap elections

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Tuesday banned ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan from holding a massive, planned rally in the capital of Islamabad and cracked down on his supporters in overnight raids across the country, arresting hundreds.

The ban came hours after a policeman was killed during one of the raids, when a supporter of the former premier opened fire after officers entered his home in the city of Lahore.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah warned Mr. Khan that he would "not be allowed to disrupt peace in Islamabad" and would be arrested if needed, should the rally go ahead. Mr. Sanaullah earlier in the day accused Khan of seeking to create a civil war-like situation.

The former cricket star turned Islamist politician, Mr. Khan was ousted by a no-confidence vote in parliament in April.

Mr. Khan has remained defiant, demanding early elections and claiming his removal was the result of a U.S.-organized plot in collusion with his successor, Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Washington denies any role in Pakistan's internal politics.

Earlier this week, Mr. Khan urged supporters to converge on Islamabad on Wednesday for a massive rally to pressure Mr. Sharif's government. The demonstration, he said, would continue until a date for snap elections was announced.

Mr. Sanaullah said the decision to ban the rally was taken after Khan's Tehreek-e-Insaf party failed to assure the administration in writing that the rally would be peaceful.

Earlier on Tuesday, authorities stepped up security in Islamabad, deploying additional officers and paramilitary Rangers. Large shipping containers were placed on a key road leading to the Parliament building, to prevent Mr. Khan's supporters from getting close and possibly staging a sit-in there.

According to Fawad Chaudhry, a spokesman for the Tehreek-e-Insaf party, police raids against their supporters started shortly after midnight on Monday.

War slowdown is deliberate, says Russia

REUTERS
MOSCOW

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said on Tuesday that Russia was deliberately slowing its offensive in Ukraine to allow civilians to evacuate, while a top security official said Moscow was not "chasing deadlines" in the war.

Their comments signalled that Russia sees no quick end to the fighting, while seeking to dispel any impression that the operation has stalled.

11 killed in shooting in 2 Mexico bars

REUTERS
MEXICO CITY

More than a dozen gunmen opened fire in two bars in the central Mexican city of Celaya late on Monday, killing at least 11 people in an apparent gangland shooting, local officials and media said.

Seven women and three men were killed at the scene in shootings in two bars, according to security officials in Celaya, Guanajuato State. An eleventh victim, a woman, later died.

WHO funding model set for an overhaul

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GENEVA

The World Health Organisation's member states agreed on Tuesday to give half of their contributions as straightforward membership fees, instead of channelling most of their cash into health projects of their own choosing.

Meanwhile, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was re-elected for a second term as the agency's chief.

Sri Lanka to seek additional $500 million Indian loan for fuel

Non-essential staff told to work from home to save fuel

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka has decided to seek fresh assistance of $500 million from India to augment its fuel imports, as the island reels under a crippling economic crisis manifesting in persisting shortages of essentials.

For weeks now, citizens are spending long hours lining up outside fuel stations – at times all day or night – to pump petrol or diesel, currently in short supply, as crisis-hit Sri Lanka runs out of dollars to pay for imports.

Public transport has been stalled due to the unavailability of fuel, businesses have been hit, and schools were forced to remain closed as students are unable to commute. Over the last few days, Sri Lankan social media saw many accounts of families being unable to access emergency medical care due to the lack of fuel. The government has asked "non-essential" staff to work from home, to save on fuel consumption.

"The Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the proposal submitted by the Minister of Electricity and Energy to obtain a series of short-term loan facilities worth another $500 million with the assistance of the export-import bank of the Indian government in order to purchase petroleum products required by the country settling the foreign exchange shortage existing at the moment," the government said in a statement following the Cabinet meeting on Monday.

Soldiers deployed at a Lanka IOC fuel pump as motorists buy fuel. • AFP

Fuel prices saw a record hike on Tuesday as diesel, earlier sold for LKR 289 ($0.80) a litre, now costs LKR 400, reflecting a 38% jump. Petrol prices rose from 338 to 420 Sri Lankan rupees, threatening to further increase costs of all essential commodities whose prices are already skyrocketing.

For several months now, Sri Lanka has been amidst an unprecedented economic downturn, sparking street protests across the country. A group of demonstrators are camping outside the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo for 46 days in a row, demanding that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who they hold chiefly responsible, quit office.

Amid a heightening crisis, the government announced last month that it would preemptively default on the country's foreign debt totalling $51 billion as the "last resort", and is currently negotiating a package with the International Monetary Fund.

However, Central Bank Governor Nandalal Weerasinghe on Monday noted that it was difficult to give a timeline of Sri Lanka's economic recovery that, he said, was contingent on the success of the measures taken by the government.

Much of Colombo's initiatives so far have been about tapping external help. India has already extended credit lines worth $700 million for fuel imports –as part of the total $3.5 billion assistance extended since January – and delivered over 5 lakh tonnes of fuel, including the latest shipment of 40,000 tonnes of petrol that reached Colombo on Monday. Meanwhile, the government is also considering various options to expand Sri Lanka's domestic energy sector, including with foreign investment. Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera on Tuesday announced plans to advertise plots for studies on oil exploration in the Mannar Basin, where Cairn India was earlier involved in exploration.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited by the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005 for the following works.

1. Tender Notice Number and date : GEM/2022/B/2197582 dated 23.05.2022
Name of work : Outcome based Mechanized Cleaning, Pest and Rodent Control, Rag Picking, Garbage Collection Segregation and Disposal at Salem Railway Station for the period of 1096 days.
Estimate Value : Rs.1,84,24,758/-
Earnest Money : Rs.2,43,207/-

2. Tender Notice Number and date : GEM/2022/B/2197130 dated 23.05.2022
Name of work : Outcome based Mechanized Cleaning, Pest and Rodent Control, Rag Picking, Garbage Collection Segregation and Disposal at Tiruppur Railway Station for the period of 1096 days.
Estimate Value : Rs.1,32,02,394/-
Earnest Money : Rs.2,16,519/-
Tender Closing date and time : 13.06.2022 at 14.00 Hrs
Web address : http://www.gem.gov.in

The firm registered in GeM portal are only eligible to participate in this tender. For details of bid submission, please refer website portal "http://www.gem.gov.in".
For details about scope of work, approximate valur of tender, location and other documents, please refer website portal "http://www.gem.gov.in".
Note : It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at "http://www.gem.gov.in".
Place : Salem
Date : 23.05.2022
Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005.
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STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU
19A, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008.
Tender Notice No.1/F/F&R/T.No.1, 2, 3, 4/2022-23 dated 24.05.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE (1st CALL)
For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited for the auction sale of the following units taken possession U/s.29 of State Financial Corporations Act 1951, "AS IS WHERE IS" basis. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 p.m. on 28.06.2022 and the same will be opened on the same day at 4.30 p.m.

Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Amount due (Interest charged upto 31.05.2022) (Rs. in crores)	Description of the property	Upset Price	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)	Minimum Incremental Amount (Rs.)
1. M/s. Sri Subramania Spinning Private Limited	239.25	Primary Assets: Land (5.00 acres) with Building at S.No.15/6 & 7, Bethanemapuram Village, Pallipattu Taluk, Tiruvallur	Land – Rs.121.88 lakhs Building – Rs.222.88 lakhs	86.22	25,000/-
		Collateral Assets: Land (1342 Sq.ft.) with Building at T.S. No.74, R.S. No.13/2, Old No.118, New No.178, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Muthialpet, Pondicherry.	Land – Rs.60.39 lakhs Building – Rs.1.88 lakhs	15.57	10,000/-
2. M/s.Varma Steels & Forgings Pvt. Ltd.	148.30	Land (1.70 acres) with Building at Plot No.B-8/M-2, SIPCOT Industrial Park, Gummidipoondi, Tiruvallur District.	Land – Rs.149.60 lakhs Building – Rs.33.70 lakhs	45.83	10,000/-
3.M/s.Unigold Jewellery Pvt. Ltd.	176.00	Land (9.45 acres) at S.No.287/1 & 291/5 Mulvoy Village, Arakonam Taluk, Ranipet District.	Land – Rs.246.99 lakhs	61.75	25,000/-
4.M/s. Chennimalai Yarns Pvt. Ltd.	88.45	Land (0.85 acres) with Building at S.F.No.60, New SF No.60/1B, Old SF No.104 at Chennimalai Village, Perundurai Taluk, Erode.	Land – Rs.22.77 lakhs Building – Rs.1.72 lakhs	6.12	5,000/-

EMD in the form of DD in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai. (In the tenderer's Name only)
The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the following website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.sipcot.in
DIPR/2478/Tender/2022
GENERAL MANAGER (F), SIPCOT, Chennai-6.

REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION
National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi
Ministry of Education, Government of India, MYSURU - 570006
Email: principal@riemysore.ac.in, website: www.riemysore.ac.in
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
The Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru will conduct Walk-in-Interview on the dates as shown against each post purely on contractual basis for the Academic Session 2022-23.

Sl. No.	Name of the Posts	Date of Interviews
1	PGT, TGT, WET, PRT, Pre-Primary, Vocational Teacher & Semi-Professional Assistant	25th to 28th May, 2022
2	Professor, Assistant Professor, Producer Grade - I, Sound Recordist, Technician Grade - I & Laboratory Assistant	01st to 04th June, 2022

For more details please log on to www.riemysore.ac.in
Sd/- Principal

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(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)
BESCOM invites tender for the following **Enquiry No.BESCOM /DGM(SG&EV)/BC-53/2022-23/Enq-02 to Enq-32 dated: 24.05.2022** For "Setting up EV Charging stations at Government owned premises under PPP Model-31 Lots." Issue of Bid documents on **27.05.2022** at **17:00** hrs onwards. Last Date for Bid submission upto **07.06.2022** at **17:00** hrs. Date and time of Opening Bid documents on **08.06.2022** at **17:00** hrs. Last dated for submission of queries through e-protal upto **31.05.2022** at **17:00** hrs. Pre-bid meeting on **31.05.2022** @ **11:00** hrs through video conference. The Bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained through through e-procurement portal from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Bidders can take assistance from the office of the Deputy General Manager (SG&EV), 2nd Block, 1st Floor, Corporate Office, BESCOM, Bengaluru - 560 001. Contact No: 080-22204344
Sd/-
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IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR
Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-1926/03/2022 - 12892 Dated : 23.05.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement
Name of the Work : Construction of Approach road & Spine road of MSME Park at Talamulasasan, Angul.
Estimated Cost : Rs.465.76 Lakh (apprx.)
Period of Completion : 05 (five) calendar months.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. PC/EST/E-20/ 2022-23	17.00 Hours of 31.05.2022	17.00 Hours of 20.06.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.
CAD-627
Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0047/2223

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The Orissa State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd.
D-2, SAHID NAGAR, BHUBANESWAR-751 007,
Ph.No. 2546030 / 2540273 / 2540417, Fax No.(0674) 2540974
Tender Call Notice for Purchase of Lab Furniture & Lab Chemicals
OMFED invites Sealed Tender in Two Bids system from reputed Manufacturer, Authorized Dealer& Reputed Supplier for supply of Laboratory Furniture & Chemicals to Anilo Dairy, Cuttack.
The Bid document is available in the website: www.omfed.com from 10.00 AM of 25.05.2022 to 5.00 PM of 16.06.2022 & last date of bid submission at Omfed on 17.06.2022 at 01.00 PM. The Technical bids shall be opened at 3.00 P.M of 17.06.2022 at OMFED Corporate office in the presence of the interested bidders. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid document in part or full without assigning any reason. Any addendums/corrigendum will be published only in our website.
CAD-615
Managing Director
OIPR-08063/11/0018/2223

Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Chennai (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 09/2022-2023/HDO/Dated : 24.05.2022
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.06.2022 12.30 PM by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for work under Permanent Flood Restoration works 2020 (1 work) pertaining to Chennai City Roads (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from 27.05.2022 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle.
DIPR/2477/Tender/2022

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आ.प्र./ SRIHARIKOTA - 524124
संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
ई–निविदा सूचना सं./ e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/C 228703, J 228704, X 228706 तिथि/ Date. 18.05.2022
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, "एसएमपीसी यूनिट-1 एसडीएससीशार में "एसएमपी भवन (संख्या 14) तक चेन लिंक फेंसिंग उपलब्ध कराना" (अनुमानित लागत ₹ 86 लाख); "आगन्तुक परिसर के लांच व्यू गैलरी में कॉच के दरवाजे, एल्युमिनियम संवातन, एमएस छत्रियाँ" (अनुमानित लागत ₹44 लाख); "प्रस्तावित सड़क (जीएसबी एवं गीली मिश्रित) आगन्तुक परिसर के प्रवेश द्वार से लांच व्यू गैलरी एसडीएससी शार" (अनुमानित लागत ₹32 लाख); हेतु मद दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज 03.06.2022 को 14:30 बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in या www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO देखें।
On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for "Providing Chain Link Fencing to ASMP Buildings (14 Nos) at SMPC Unit-1, SDSC SHAR (₹ 86 Lakhs); Providing Glass doors, Aluminum ventilators, MS framed canopies in Launch view gallery at Visitors Complex SDSC SHAR (₹44 Lakhs); Proposed Road (GSB & Wet Mix) from Entrance of Visitors Complex to Launch view gallery, SDSC SHAR (₹32 Lakhs); Tender documents can be downloaded up to 03.06.2022,14:30hrs. Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.
हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

MARKET WATCH

	24-05-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,053	-0.43
US Dollar	77.57	-0.03
Gold	51,027	0.20
Brent oil	113.27	0.04

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	752.15	-1.40
Apollo Hosp	3631.65	-85.30
Asian Paints	3086.85	-87.35
Axis Bank	664.05	-11.30
Bajaj Auto	3783.30	-2.85
Bajaj Finserv	12357.30	-215.60
Bajaj Finance	5798.80	4.80
Bharti Airtel	678.20	-7.65
BPCL	330.10	-2.00
Britannia Ind	3470.45	-16.60
Cipla	970.40	0.35
Coal India	182.35	-1.95
Divis Lab	3661.70	-236.20
Dr Reddys Lab	4347.10	72.15
Eicher Motors	2719.30	-22.00
Grasim Ind	1402.75	-54.65
HCL Tech	991.75	-26.55
HDFC	2206.80	30.85
HDFC Bank	1318.95	14.95
HDFC Life	552.90	1.75
Hero MotoCorp	2637.00	12.30
Hindalco	400.80	-12.35
Hind Unilever	2309.65	-70.15
ICICI Bank	708.15	-2.90
Indusind Bank	897.95	-4.45
Infosys	1441.00	-27.40
ITC	270.85	-3.65
JSW Steel	539.70	-7.85
Kotak Bank	1882.60	28.30
L&T	1626.30	-17.85
M&M	946.85	4.95
Maruti Suzuki	7802.65	-94.80
Nestle India Ltd.	17187.10	192.80
NTPC	146.90	-3.25
ONGC	150.65	-4.45
PowerGrid Corp	227.00	2.40
Reliance Ind	2615.85	8.95
SBI Life	1073.40	-3.10
State Bank	462.05	1.15
Shree Cement	21647.40	-294.30
Sun Pharma	909.90	-12.15
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	715.15	-14.55
Tata Motors	425.75	4.10
Tata Steel	1006.35	-16.60
TCS	3288.00	-33.75
Tech Mahindra	1098.35	-44.55
Titan	2140.25	-11.05
UltraTech Cement	5868.05	-48.25
UPL	792.55	1.30
Wipro	459.95	-6.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 24

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.38	77.70
Euro	82.83	83.17
British Pound	96.73	97.13
Japanese Yen (100)	60.71	60.97
Chinese Yuan	11.61	11.66
Swiss Franc	80.10	80.44
Singapore Dollar	56.30	56.54
Canadian Dollar	60.51	60.76
Malaysian Ringitt	17.59	17.68
Australian Dollar	54.79	55.01

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

India's crude oil output dropped 1% in April

NEW DELHI

India's crude-oil output fell 1% in April after lower output from fields operated by the private sector wiped out gains by state-owned firms such as ONGC, data showed. India produced 2.47 million tonnes of crude oil in April, down from 2.5 million tonnes in April 2021. PTI

KVB Q4 net more than doubles to ₹213 crore

CHENNAI

Private sector lender Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the fourth quarter ended March more than doubled to ₹213 crore from the year-earlier period. Net interest income grew to ₹710 crore from ₹613 crore. The board recommended a dividend of ₹1.60 per share.

Oil rises as tight supply trumps economy fears, China curbs

EU moves closer to ban on Russian oil; IMF chief says cannot rule out recession

REUTERS
LONDON

Oil edged higher on Tuesday, recovering earlier losses, as tight global supply and an expected pick-up in demand during the U.S. summer driving season balanced concerns over a possible recession and China's COVID-19 curbs.

In a step that analysts say will further tighten the market, the European Union is moving closer to agreeing a ban on Russian oil imports. Such an embargo is likely to be agreed "within days", Germany's economy minister said on Monday.

Another source of support is U.S. gasoline demand. Memorial Day weekend travel is expected to be the busiest in two years as more drivers hit the road and shake off coronavirus lockdowns despite high pump prices.

U.S. market: Memorial Day weekend travel is expected to be the busiest in two years, boosting petrol demand.

"It's quite a challenging market right now, but one thing is clear, it's still extremely tight and those pressures will keep prices elevated," said Craig Erlam, analyst at brokerage OANDA.

"Just not quite as much as it would if not for the recession warnings and Chinese COVID cases."

Brent crude rose 18 cents, or 0.2%, to $113.60 a barrel by 1222 GMT.

Oil has surged this year, with Brent hitting $139 in March for its highest since 2008 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine exacerbated supply concerns.

Even so, worries about the global economy – a main theme of the Davos meeting this week – spurred price falls earlier on Tuesday.

"Global... growth is precipitously declining," said Tamas Varga of broker PVM.

Beijing is stepping up quarantine efforts to end its outbreak while Shanghai's lockdown is due to be lifted in a little more than a week.

Oil at $110 a barrel not sustainable, says Puri

'World facing energy price crisis'

REUTERS
DAVOS

India's Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri told the World Economic Forum in Davos on Tuesday that a crude oil price of $110 a barrel was not sustainable, as the world faces an energy price crisis which is contributing to rising global inflation.

Oil prices have surged this year, with Brent crude hitting $139 a barrel in March, its highest price since 2008, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine exacerbated supply concerns.

As countries around the world struggle with the impact of inflation on disposable income, India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on the same WEF panel that food inflation in the South Asian country was at a 'manageable level.'

Hardeep Singh Puri

He also said that India was producing enough wheat for domestic consumption as some countries face shortages due to rising prices and problems in getting the grain from major producer Ukraine following Russia's invasion.

GIC to invest up to ₹2,195 cr. in ABFRL

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The board of Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd. (ABFRL) on Tuesday approved raising up to ₹2,195 crore by way of preferential issue of equity shares and warrants to an affiliate of Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC.

GIC will invest ₹770 crore now towards subscription of equity and warrants, followed by up to ₹1,425 crore in one or more tranches within 18 months upon exercise of warrants, ABFRL said in a statement.

After the entire investment is made, GIC will own 7.5% equity stake in ABFRL and the Aditya Birla Group will hold 51.9% stake.

The Indian retail company said it would use the funds to accelerate growth.

Sensex extends fall as IT stocks drag benchmark

'Global trends, earnings to be in focus'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices shed close to half a percent on Tuesday, led by losses in IT stocks. The S&P BSE Sensex fell 236 points, or 0.43%, to 54,052.61 points, marking a decline for the second consecutive day.

Stocks that slid the most were Tech Mahindra (3.92%), Hindustan Unilever (2.98%), Asian Paints (2.76%), HCL Tech (2.57%), NTPC (2.10%) and Infosys (1.87%). The National Stock Exchange's Nifty50 index dipped 89.55 points, or 0.55%, to 16,125.15.

Markets traded volatile in line with the prevailing consolidation phase, said Ajit Mishra, VP Research, Religare Broking. "In the absence of any major event, global cues, earnings and upcoming derivatives expiry will be in focus."

"The IT space continued its correction... validating our view on extension of the corrective phase in this sector," said Ruchit Jain, lead research, 5paisa.com.

Coal user group urges Centre to intervene, flags unviability

'Users bear high coal prices only to keep plants running'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Coal Consumers' Association of India (CCAI) has sought the government's intervention to provide ailing industries a new lease of life, while expressing concerns over consumers being compelled to buy coal at high prices just to keep their plants running.

The statement comes amid certain parts of the country witnessing power outages in the wake of fuel shortages.

"The average bid price of coal in a recently conducted spot e-auction by MCL (Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd) rose as high as 800% above the notified price.

"It is evident that some of MCL's valuable customers are compelled to procure coal at such high premiums only for sustenance of their respective plants while many industries had to take a decision to be out of league in this auction due to soaring bid prices," CCAI said in a recent letter to Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi.

MCL is a subsidiary of Coal India Ltd.

While the allocated quantity as per the fuel supply pact was not being supplied to industries, coal companies had been successfully conducting spot e-auctions where prices had scaled up to 'unprecedented' high levels since March, making it 'unviable' for many non-regulated sector (NRS) consumers to book the required quantity, the coal users' association said.

SFHL Q4 net more than doubles to ₹76.20 crore

Board moots ₹2.75 overall dividend

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Holdings Ltd. (SFHL) on Tuesday reported fourth-quarter consolidated net profit more than doubled from a year earlier to ₹76.20 crore.

Full-year profit too more than doubled to ₹160.70 crore. The board recommended a final dividend of ₹1 per share and a special dividend of ₹0.75 per share, which taken together with the special dividend of ₹1 paid in February would take the total special dividend to ₹1.75, the company said in a press release.

SFHL operates as a holding company owning a portfolio of automotive businesses including foundries, wheels, brakes, turbo chargers, axles, and spare parts distribution.

SFHL divested 11% stake in Sundaram Composite Structures Pvt. Ltd. (formerly BIH Braking Company) paring its holding to 49%. It also sold 22.7 lakh shares of TVS Investments Pvt. Ltd. for a gain of ₹30 crore.

LG Electronics eyeing 32% share of India TV market: Kim

Market size is pegged at $4.6 billion in value terms

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

South Korean consumer electronics giant LG is targeting 32% share of the India TV market this year, up from 27% currently, driven by new products, a senior company official said.

"We want to be the number one TV brand in India and are aiming to achieve at least 32% market share by the end of this year," Hak Hyun Kim, Director – Home Entertainment, LG Electronics India told *The Hindu*.

The Indian TV market is pegged at $4.6 billion in value terms. In terms of revenue, the company expects a growth of about 30% in the segment, which had registered a turnover of ₹6,600 in 2021.

The growth would largely be driven by increasing demand for bigger screens and 4K televisions, he added.

The company on Tuesday unveiled the '2022 OLED TV' line up with prices starting at ₹89,990 and Rollable OLED TV with a price tag of ₹75,00,000.

Post the pandemic, the TV viewing habits of consumers have transformed to actively seeking 'advanced and holistic' viewing experiences from the comfort of their homes, the company said, adding that LG Electronics had been 'elevating technology to meet the evolving consumer needs'.

"The 2022 OLED line up introduces the widest range of OLED TVs, from the world's biggest OLED 246 cm (97), extending to the world's first 106 cm (42) OLED TV," the firm said.

'Exports rose 21% during May 1-21'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The country's exports rose by 21.1% to $23.7 billion during May 1-21, on account of healthy growth in various sectors such as petroleum products, engineering and electronic goods, an official said.

During the third week of this month (May 15-21), the exports grew by about 24% to $8.03 billion, the official added.

Petroleum products, engineering and electronic-goods' exports during May 1-21 expanded by 81.1%, about 17% and about 44%, respectively. The total figure for May is likely to be released by the Commerce Ministry in June.

Grasim Q4 net climbs 62%, revenue rises 18%

Company cites 'robust performance'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Grasim Industries Ltd. of the Aditya Birla Group said consolidated fourth-quarter net profit after exceptional items grew 62% year-on-year to ₹2,777 crore following 'a robust quarterly performance', the company said in a press release.

Revenue climbed 18% to ₹28,811 crore. For the financial year 2022, Grasim reported a 75% increase in net profit to ₹7,550 crore. Revenue rose 25% to ₹95,701 crore, the company said.

Grasim said it had turned zero net debt as on March 31. The board of directors recommended a dividend of ₹5 per share for FY22, as well as a special dividend of ₹5 per share.

The firm added that total capital expenditure (capex) was ₹2,537 crore in FY22, of which ₹579 crore was for the paints unit. It said the capex plan for paints had been doubled to ₹10,000 crore by FY25 from the ₹5,000 crore announced earlier.

Ramco Cements splits CMD post

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The board of Ramco Cements Ltd. has unanimously decided to split the posts of non-executive chairman and managing director.

On Monday, the board accepted the recommendations of SEBI Committee on Corporate Governance to split the roles of non-executive chairman and MD, it said in a statement.

Accordingly, former Industries Secretary M.F. Farooqui has been named as chairman with effect from June 4. He has been on the board as an independent director since 2017.

P.R. Venketrama Raja would continue to be the Managing Director.

SPORT

Young enough for a comeback, but old enough not to be picked

Ishant must be celebrated both for who he is and what he has done; Rahane's future too seems uncertain

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

The passing of a generation and the advent of a new one is a bitter-sweet experience. You miss the heroes you have grown up with, but you also look forward to where their replacements will take the team. As someone said, if transition isn't painful, you are not making progress!

It doesn't happen overnight. Over a few years you realise that the team has a new feel to it, a different texture. A change that was in the future is happening now. It is like watching a batsman go about his business without fuss – suddenly you look up and see he has scored 30 or 40 runs.

It happened when India's famed middle order and world-class bowlers bowed out of the scene. Sourav Ganguly and Anil Kumble bid farewell in 2008-09, followed by Rahul Dravid, V.V.S. Laxman, Virender Sehwag, Zaheer Khan, Sachin Tendulkar and Harbhajan Singh.

Generational shifts

That brought what is referred to as the Golden Age, or the Tendulkar Era, to a close. Many of the next lot – the Dhoni-Kohli generation, if you will – had early careers that overlapped with the erstwhile greats; that is how generational shifts happen smoothly.

And now we seem to be at the starting point of another. Surely, Dhoni's premature retirement from cricket in the middle of a tour of Australia in 2014 may have been unnatural, but as India prepares to take on England in the final Test of their interrupted series in July, the contours of Indian cricket are beginning to take on a new shape.

Ishant Sharma, not yet 19 on debut, with 300-plus Test wickets and 100-plus in the ODI may be only 33 and has grown from the young, energetic colt who troubled the world's leading batsmen through sheer pace, into the senior pro who guided a new batch of young bowlers.

Will he play for India again? Unlikely, given the country's riches in pace bowling and the promotion of some of Ishant's younger colleagues into mentors themselves.

The role of the pace spearhead has passed from Kapil Dev to Javagal Srinath to Zaheer Khan to Ishant to Jasprit Bumrah. Ishant must be celebrated both for who he is and what he has done. Significant service is not always justly rewarded in sport.

Ishant deserves to be properly feted for his large heart, which was as obvious as his long hair and crooked smile even as he made his debut. In his second Test, against Pakistan, he gave evidence of all three, bowling tirelessly to claim five wickets in an innings.

Performing dual role

As has happened so often in Indian cricket, the spearhead had to be both the shock bowler as well as the stock bowler, roles Ishant performed well. Of the Indian team that played in Ishant's debut Test, only he and Dinesh Karthik remain active in international cricket.

Another significant player likely to be part of the transition is Ajinkya Rahane, batsman of charm and class, who too served India well in the 82 Tests he has played. His century at Lord's in 2014 helped India to their first win at that venue in 28 years.

As a close-in fielder, he holds the world record for the most catches in a match, and as replacement skipper for Kohli, he led India superbly to a series win in Australia after the team had been shot out for 36 in the first Test.

Along with Cheteshwar Pujara, Rahane was dropped from the Indian team following a poor series in South Africa. Pujara, with no IPL contract, decided to play for Sussex in the English county to rediscover his mojo. Centuries, including a double in the championship, meant that he could not be ignored especially since India were playing the Test in England.

Skip IPL for County?

Did Ajinkya make a mistake in playing the IPL when he might have profited from a county season himself? There is no guarantee, of course, that he would set the Thames on fire, but at the age of 33, his international future too seems uncertain. That is an intriguing age for an out-of-form batsman, though. You are young enough to make a comeback, but old enough not to cause comment should you not be picked again.

Ishant, Pujara and Rahane are, temperamentally, not the kind of players the country might be worked up over.

They are all self-effacing professionals, who do a good job and leave the dramatics and media attention for others in the squad more flamboyant and flashy. This does not make them any less valuable or unworthy of a nation's collective gratitude. Pujara, 34, with 95 Tests under his belt, might have extended his career, while the other two can still do so.

Interesting times

These are interesting times. The next generation has been knocking on the doors of big cricket for some time now, and the sound is getting louder.

Openers lead Sri Lankan fightback

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
DHAKA

Openers Dimuth Karunaratne and Oshada Fernando scored half-centuries as Sri Lanka gave Bangladesh a fitting reply in the second Test here on Tuesday.

Kasun Rajitha claimed his maiden five-wicket haul as the hosts were all out for 365. Sri Lanka was 143 for two at stumps on day two.

Meanwhile, the Sri Lanka cricket board said it was flying home batsman Kamil Mishara – who has not played in either Test – for an alleged breach of discipline.

The scores: Bangladesh 365 in 116.2 overs (Mushfiqur Rahim 175 n.o., Liton Das 141, Kasun Rajitha 5/64) vs Sri Lanka 143/2 in 46 overs (Oshada Fernando 57, Dimuth Karunaratne 70 batting).

Miller-Hardik show eclipses Buttler's effort as Titans enter final

South African adds 106 for the unbroken fourth wicket with his skipper as Gujarat reaches the 189-run target in style; Englishman's 56-ball 89 in vain for Royals

IPL 2022

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

David Miller and captain Hardik Pandya guided debutant Gujarat Titans to a seven-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals with clinical finishing job in the Qualifier 1 and earned the side a berth in the final of the Indian Premier League at the Eden Gardens here on Tuesday.

Chasing 189, Titans achieved the target with three balls to spare as Miller and Hardik forged an unbeaten 106-run partnership.

Royals will play the winner of the Eliminator in Qualifier 2 in Ahmedabad on Friday.

Facing a stiff target, Titans batted better in the Power-Play to gather 64 runs. After Wriddhiman Saha's dismissal in the first over, Matthew Wade and Shubman Gill put on a 72-run stand in 44 deliveries.

In top gear: After Buttler had piloted Royals to 188, Miller and Hardik masterminded Titans' chase. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

Unexpected end

The left-right combination placed the ball nicely to put pressure on Royals. It ended unexpectedly when the impressive Gill, who hit Ashwin for three successive fours in his 21-ball 35, was run out in the eighth over.

Two overs later, Wade (35, 30b, 6x4) pulled Obed McCoy to deep mid-wicket.

Hardik (40 n.o., 27b) kept his cool and played the ball on merit to get boundaries both behind and in front of the wicket. He complemented the hard-hitting David Miller (68, 38b, 3x4, 5x6), who clobbered three successive sixes off Prasidh Krishna in the final over.

Earlier, Jos Buttler got back his touch to score a 56-ball 89 and helped Royals reach a formidable total.

As an afternoon shower and dark evening skies relented for a packed house to enjoy the first IPL match after three years, Buttler's fireworks, containing 12 fours and two sixes, provided thorough entertainment.

Royals had an excellent start as captain Sanju Samson, who came in after the fall of opener Yashasvi Jaiswal in the second over, flexed his muscles right from the start.

Buttler, who began well cover-driving Mohammed Shami for two fours in the first over, dropped anchor to enjoy Samson's effortless strokeplay.

Samson was a treat to watch in his 26-ball knock of 47, comprising five fours and three sixes. It included two stunning ones on the onside off Alzarri Joseph who replaced Lockie Ferguson. He miscued an inside-out shot off Sai Kishore to be caught at long-on in the 10th over.

Devdutt Paddikkal (28) and Buttler got 37 runs before the latter switched gears to hammer the Titans bowlers, barring the difficult-to-read Rashid Khan.

The Englishman, dropped on 69, was run out in the final over but helped Royals collect 64 runs in the last five overs.

SCOREBOARD

RAJASTHAN ROYALS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Saha b Dayal 3 *(8b)*, Jos Buttler run out 89 *(56b, 12x4, 2x6)*, Sanju Samson c Joseph b Sai Kishore 47 *(26b, 5x4, 3x6)*, Devdutt Padikkal b Hardik 28 *(20b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Shimron Hetmyer c Tewatia b Shami 4 *(7b)*, Riyan Parag run out 4 *(3b)*, R. Ashwin (not out) 2 *(1b)*, Trent Boult (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (w-10, nb-1): 11; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 188.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-11 (Jaiswal, 1.6 overs), 2-79 (Samson, 9.5), 3-116 (Padikkal, 14.1), 4-161 (Hetmyer, 18.3), 5-185 (Buttler, 19.5), 6-186 (Parag, 19.5).

TITANS BOWLING
Shami 4-0-43-1, Dayal 4-0-46-1, Joseph 2-0-27-0, Rashid 4-0-15-0, Sai Kishore 4-0-43-1, Hardik 2-0-14-1.

GUJARAT TITANS
Wriddhiman Saha c Samson b Boult 0 *(2b)*, Shubman Gill run out 35 *(21b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Matthew Wade c Buttler b McCoy 35 *(30b, 6x4)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 40 *(27b, 5x4)*, David Miller (not out) 68 *(38b, 3x4, 5x6)*; Extras (lb-1, w-11, nb-1): 13; Total (for three wkts. in 19.3 overs): 191.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Saha, 0.2), 2-72 (Gill, 7.4), 3-85 (Wade, 9.3).

ROYALS BOWLING
Boult 4-0-38-1, Prasidh 3.3-0-40-0, R. Ashwin 4-0-40-0, Chahal 4-0-32-0, McCoy 4-0-40-1.

Toss: Gujarat Titans.
Gujarat Titans won by seven wickets to enter the final.

Will it be Super Giants or Royal Challengers that has the last laugh?

Rahul's Lucknow outfit has the momentum, du Plessis' Bangalore side the wherewithal to prevail in the do-or-die clash

Lead batters: Rahul and Karthik are key to their respective teams' fortunes. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Lucknow Super Giants has emerged as a force in its debut season in the Indian Premier League and will be keen to carry the momentum when it faces Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Eliminator at the Eden Gardens here on Wednesday.

Twin targets

Super Giants, who narrowly missed out on a Qualifier 1 berth, will be eager to achieve the twin targets of avenging its defeat to Royal Challengers in the group stage and staying alive in the tournament.

Guided by mentor Gautam Gambhir and coach Andy Flower, Super Giants has used its trademark aggression to notch up some sensational wins.

Captain K.L. Rahul, who is second on the scorers list with 537 runs (including two hundreds), and Quinton de Kock, who blasted a breathtaking unbeaten 140 in the last match, are in super touch. Deepak Hooda is an asset, while all-rounders Krunal Pandya and Marcus Stoinis are known for making valuable contributions.

The Super Giants attack – comprising Avesh Khan (17 wickets), Jason Holder, Mohsin Khan and Ravi Bishnoi – has the potential to disturb any batting order.

Royal Challengers, who made it to the playoffs for the third consecutive season after Mumbai Indians ousted Delhi Capitals, were troubled by inconsistency in the middle phase. Nevertheless, they have the potential to beat the best.

While skipper Faf du Plessis (443 runs) has gathered the majority of RCB's runs, Virat Kohli has contributed 309 in a subdued season. Dinesh Karthik has impressed with his magnificent re-emergence as a finisher.

Glenn Maxwell and Shahbaz Ahmed's all-round skills give the team flexibility.

Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga (overall second with 24 scalps) has served Royal Challengers well. Pacers Harshal Patel (18 wickets) and Josh Hazelwood (15) have shone brightly even as Mohammed Siraj has impressed occasionally.

Royal Challengers will try to make the most of its lucky break in order to finish the season on a high.

TODAY'S MATCH
ELIMINATOR
LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS vs. ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE
EDEN GARDENS, 7.30 P.M.

FORM GUIDE
(last five matches, latest game first)
LSG W | L | L | W | W
RCB W | L | W | W | L

STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD)

Power Play | As the third- and fourth-placed teams brace up for the Eliminator on Wednesday, a look at their PowerPlay performance

SUPER GIANTS		ROYAL CHALLENGERS
608 (2355)	Runs scored	598 (2268)
19 (101)	Sixes	13 (86)
66/1 vs. *KKR*	Highest score	57/0 vs. *CSK*
22 (96)	Wickets taken	16 (88)
253 (625)	Dot balls bowled	227 (612)
25/3, *KKR*	Lowest score by opponent	35/1, *RR* 35/1, *CSK*

** Numbers in brackets indicate the teams' total figures in 2022*

INDIVIDUAL

251 de Kock	MOST RUNS	184 du Plessis
11 de Kock	MOST SIXES	3 Rawat 3 du Plessis 3 Maxwell
Avesh 7 Chameera 7	MOST WICKETS	5 Hazlewood
77 Chameera	MOST DOT BALLS	67 Siraj

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

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Pragg shocks Giri, takes lead

SPORTS BUREAU

R. Praggnanandhaa stunned Anish Giri in 33 moves to take a 1.5-0.5 lead at the halfway stage of the best-of-four game semi-finals of the Chessables Masters online rapid chess tournament on Tuesday.

After a keenly-fought opening game ended in 45 moves, Praggnanandhaa made the most of playing with white pieces in the second. In the other semi-final, Magnus Carlsen and Ding Liren were locked 1-1.

In Monday's quarterfinals, Praggnanandhaa defeated Wei Yi 2.5-1.5 after winning the first two games. Anish raced away to a 2.5-0.5 over Aryan Tari. Carlsen, too, scored a similar victory over David Anton after coming out stronger in the first and third games. Ding Liren, after leading 2-0 over Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, lost the third but drew the fourth to win 2.5-1.5.

Medvedev eases into the second round

Rune, 19, makes his main draw debut by packing off Shapovalov

FRENCH OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev eased into the second round on Tuesday as Denmark's Holger Rune reminded Roland-Garros that Carlos Alcaraz is not the only teenager dreaming of the title.

Medvedev, who came into Paris with just one match on clay this year following hernia surgery, routed Argentina's 103rd-ranked Facundo Bagnis 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 on the back of 35 winners and eight breaks of serve.

Rune, 19 and just a week older than the highly-rated Alcaraz, marked his main draw debut with a 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (4) dismissal of 14th-seeded Canadian Denis Shapovalov.

Rune, the boys' champion in 2019 and a former World junior No. 1, entered Paris at a career-high 40 having started 2021 outside of the top 400.

In the current clay season, he won his first title in Munich, beating World No. 3 Alexander Zverev on the way.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, a former Australian Open runner-up and World No. 5, bid an emotional goodbye to tennis after losing to Casper Ruud.

The 37-year-old Tsonga, who announced last month he would retire following the French Open, was beaten 6-7 (6), 7-6(4), 6-2, 7-6(0) by the Norwegian eighth seed.

"I hope the world can soon find as much peace I found today. Thank you Roland Garros. Thank you Mister Tennis. I love you," said Tsonga.

Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop progressed to the men's doubles second round with an easy 6-4, 6-1 win over local wild cards Sascha Gueymard Wayenburg and Luca Van Assche.

Day in numbers

2 Victory over Shapovalov was Rune's second straight victory over a top-10 player after having beaten Zverev in April. It was also the Dane's first-ever senior match at the French Open

3 Tsonga, who played his last match on Tuesday, is one of only three players to beat all four of Federer, Nadal, Djokovic and Murray at the Majors. The others: Wawrinka, Berdych

53 The number of unforced errors Shapovalov made in his straight-set defeat to Rune

61 2022 French Open is Cornet's 61st consecutive single Major, the most for an active player and only one short of Ai Sugiyama's all-time record (62)

20 Two decades since Gasquet debuted at the French Open as a 15-year-old wild card. No male who played in the singles draw in 2002 is playing in this year's edition

"I want to thank all the people who helped me. Thanks to the French Tennis Federation and all my coaches who supported me even when I was extremely silly. I managed to be good amid the best generation of players and I'm happy about it
TSONGA

Wednesday's picks

MEN	WOMEN
1-Djokovic vs. Molcan	4-Sakkari vs. Muchova
3-Zverev vs. Baez	14-Bencic vs. Andreescu
5-Nadal vs. Moutet (N)	15-Azarenka vs. Petkovic
6-Alcaraz vs. Ramos-Vinolas	21-Kerber vs. Jacquemot

IMPORTANT RESULTS

First round: Men: 27-Korda (USA) bt Millman (Aus) 6-1, 7-5, 7-6(6); Gasquet (Fra) bt Harris (RSA) 6-1, 6-3, 6-4; Rune (Den) bt 14-Shapovalov (Can) 6-3, 6-1, 7-6(4); Ivashka bt Paire (Fra) 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5; 2-Medvedev bt Bagnis (Arg) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; 8-Ruud (Nor) bt Tsonga (Fra) 6-7 (6), 7-6(4), 6-2, 7-6(0); 32-Sonego (Ita) bt Gojowczyk (Ger) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; 24-Tiafoe (USA) bt Bonzi (Fra) 7-5, 7-5, 7-6(5); 12-Hurkacz (Pol) bt Zeppieri (Ita) 7-5, 6-2, 7-5; Gaston (Fra) bt 19-De Minaur (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 0-6, 7-6(4); 7-Rublev bt Soonwoo (Kor) 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; Garin (Chi) bt 30-Paul (USA) 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

Women: Cornet (Fra) bt Doi (Jpn) 6-2, 6-0; 13-Ostapenko (Lat) bt Bronzetti (Ita) 6-1, 6-4; 30-Alexandrova bt Minnen (Bel) 7-5, 6-3; 8-Pliskova (Cze) bt Andrianjafitrimo (Fra) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; 16-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Rus (Ned) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; 9-Collins (USA) bt Tomova (Bul) 6-0, 6-4; 19-Halep (Rou) bt Schunk (Ger) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; 11-Pegula (USA) bt Qiang (Chn) 6-2, 6-4; 24-Zidansek (Slo) bt Liu (USA) 6-2, 6-2; 3-Badosa (Esp) bt Ferro (Fra) 6-2, 6-0; 22-Keys (USA) bt Kalinskaya 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; 16-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Rus (Ned) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; 20-Kasatkina bt Sramkova (Svk) 6-2, 6-0; 28-Giorgi (Ita) bt Shuai (Chn) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Monday's result: Men: 1-Djokovic (Srb) bt Nishioka (Jpn) 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

Fallen seeds

- Men: 14-Shapovalov, 19-De Minaur, 30-Paul

Nayana pips Ancy and Shaili, bags gold

Anees wins men's long jump; Yashvir takes the honours in javelin

INDIAN GP-4

SPORTS BUREAU
BHUBANESWAR

The fourth Indian Grand Prix on Tuesday was expected to witness close competition in at least a couple of events but the event was more about missing names than the ones competing. Among those who did, the performances were far from their best.

Nayana James pipped Statemate Ancy Sojan and junior World Championship silver medallist Shaili Singh in the women's long jump, one of only three events that saw a full house participation. Nayana, who had leapt past 6.50m twice in March, won with 6.37m while Ancy was second two centimetres behind. Shaili came third.

In men's long jump, the absence of M. Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin opened up the field with Muhammed Anees Yahiya jumping to a personal best of 8.15m, his second 8m plus jump this season. Anees, in fact, had jumped the same distance in Thiruvananthapuram in March but it was not considered legal due to lack of wind information.

Yashvir Singh took the honours in javelin ahead of favourites Sahil Silwal, Manu D.P. and Rohit Yadav with a massive 82.13m throw, almost three metres better than his previous best of 79.31m and almost five metres more than his only other throw this year so far. Yadav was second with 80.88m.

In women's 400m, the much-anticipated showdown between Jisna Mathew and Vithya Ramraj did not materialise as the former did not even start. Vithya took the gold in 53.95s. Elsewhere, Anu Raghavan ran a lone race in the 400m hurdles with the only other entrant, Arathi R, not starting.

Odisha's pride: Amiya, right, and Aryan made it a 1-2 in the 100m. •BISWARANJAN ROUT

The results:

Women: 100m: 1. Srabani Nanda (Odi, 11.87s), 2. Rajashree Prasad (12.18s), 3. Angel Silvia (TN, 12.39s); **400m:** 1. R. Vithya Ramraj (TN, 53.95s), 2. Vijayakumari GK (Kar, 54.67s), 3. Sonia Baishya (WB, 54.78s); **1500m:** 1. Lili Das (WB, 4:22.39), 2. Namita Pradhan (Odi, 4:59.09); **400m hurdles:** Anu R (Ker, 59.70s); **3000m steeplechase:** 1. Parul Chaudhary (UP, 9:42.24), 2. Komal Jagadale (Mah, 10:00.20), 3. Kajal Sharma (UP, 10:23.10). **Long jump:** 1. Nayana James (Ker, 6.37m), 2. Ancy Sojan (Ker, 6.35m), 3. Shaili Singh (UP., 6.27m); **Discus:** 1. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon (Pun, 54.79m), 2. Seema Punia (UP, 53.57m), 3. Nidhi Rani (Har, 49.85m); **Javelin:** 1. Sanjana Choudhary (Raj, 56.59m), 2. Sharmila Kumari (Har, 55.48m), 3. Shilpa Rani (Har, 51.98m); **Pole vault:** 1. Baranica Elangovan (TN, 4.05m), 2. Rosy Meena Paulraj (TN, 4.00m), 3. Preethika Anandhan (TN, 3.40m).

Men: 100m: 1. Amiya Mallick (Odi, 10.74s), 2. Aryan Ekka (Odi, 10.86s), 3. Karan Hegiste (Mah, 10.95s); **400m:** 1. Saran K (TN, 47.42s), 2. Ayush Dabas (Har, 47.49s), 3. Rashid (Del, 48.28s); **1500m:** 1. Ajay Kumar Saroj (UP, 3:43.36), 2. Rahul (Del, 3:43.95), 3. Shashi Bhushan Singh (WB, 3:46.73); **400m hurdles:** 1. Jabir MP (Ker, 50.19s), 2. Thomas Mathew (Ker, 51.84s), 3. Rohan Kamble (Mah, 52.73s); **3000m steeplechase:** 1. Balkishan (Har, 8:39.34), 2. Naveen Dagar (Har, 9:16.00), 3. Raghav (UP, 9:24.64).

Long jump: 1. Muhammed Anees Yahiya (Ker, 8.15m), 2. Yugant Shekhar Singh (UP, 7.73m), 3. Lalu Prasad Bhoi (Odi, 7.58m); **Discus:** 1. Kirpal Singh (Pun, 59.92m), 2. Banvir Singh (UP, 50.36m), 3. Ikram Khan (MP, 48.45m); **Javelin:** 1. Yashvir Singh (Raj, 82.13m), 2. Rohit Yadav (UP, 80.88m), 3. Manu DP (Kar, 77.66m).

Shafali does the star turn

Fuels Velocity's record chase against Supernovas

T20 CHALLENGE

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
PUNE

When Shafali Verma walked out to open the Velocity innings against Trailblazers on a hot May evening at Jaipur in 2019, she was only 15, and unknown.

She walked out to open the Velocity innings on another hot May evening, at the MCA Stadium here on Tuesday.

By the time she was back in the dugout, she had reminded the world yet again how far she has travelled as one of the most exciting batters in women's cricket.

Her superb 51 off just 33 balls (9x4, 1x6) had set up what would be the highest-ever chase in the Women's T20 Challenge, as Velocity went past Supernovas' 150 for five with seven wickets and 10 balls to spare.

Ideal launchpad: Shafali's 33-ball 51 was the highlight of Velocity's pursuit. • SPORTZPICS/IPL

Wolvaardt finishes it

If she provided the start, Laura Wolvaardt finished the job with aplomb. The South African made an unbeaten 51 (35b, 7x4, 1x6) and added 71 for the unfinished fourth wicket with captain Deepti Sharma (24 not out, 25b).

Velocity's chase had begun on the wrong foot, though, with Natthakan Chantham edging Pooja Vastrakar to slip in the second over. But Shafali, who had indicated that she was in top form with a gorgeous straight drive stepping out against Sophie Ecclestone in the opening over, and Yastika Bhatia put on 63 for the second wicket. Shafali impressed with her footwork, timing and power. And it took an acrobatic catch by Supernovas captain Harmanpreet to end it.

Earlier, it was a captain's knock by Harmanpreet (71, 51b, 7x4, 3x6) that helped her side recover from a poor start. Twin strikes by England seamer Kate Cross had reduced Supernovas to 18 for three before the skipper and Taniya Bhatia (36, 32b, 3x4) put on 82 for the fourth wicket.

It was a brilliant knock from Harmanpreet. She began cautiously before shifting the gears effortlessly towards the end. But, she was destined to be overshadowed by Shafali, who scored the fastest half-century of the tournament (30 balls).

SCOREBOARD

SUPERNOVAS

Priya Punia c Khaka b Cross 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Deandra Dottin c Yastika b Deepti 6 *(9b, 1x4)*, Harleen Deol c Wolvaardt b Cross 7 *(9b, 1x4)*, Taniya Bhatia run out 36 *(32b, 3x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur b Radha 71 *(51b, 7x4, 3x6)*, Sune Luus (not out) 20 *(14b, 3x4)*, Pooja Vastrakar (not out) 2 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 150.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-4 (Priya, 0.3 overs), 2-12 (Harleen, 2.3), 3-18 (Dottin, 3.5), 4-100 (Taniya, 14.2), 5-138 (Harmanpreet, 18.6).

VELOCITY BOWLING

Cross 4-0-24-2, Deepti 4-0-31-1, Khaka 3-0-28-0, Radha 3-0-22-1, Sneh 4-0-25-0, Maya 2-0-19-0.

VELOCITY

Shafali Verma c Harmanpreet b Dottin 51 *(33b, 9x4, 1x6)*, Natthakan Chantham c Harmanpreet b Pooja 1 *(4b)*, Yastika Bhatia b Dottin 17 *(13b, 2x4)*, Laura Wolvaardt (not out) 51 *(35b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 24 *(25b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-6): 7; Total (for three wkts. in 18.2 overs): 151.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-6 (Chantham, 1.3), 2-69 (Yastika, 7.2), 3-80 (Shafali, 9.4).

SUPERNOVAS BOWLING

Ecclestone 4-0-32-0, Pooja 3-0-27-1, Meghna 1-0-15-0, Chandu 2-0-23-0, King 4-0-20-0, Dottin 3.2-0-21-2, Harmanpreet 1-0-12-0.

Toss: Velocity; **Player-of-the-match:** Harmanpreet.

Velocity won by seven wickets with 10 balls to spare.

ATK Mohun Bagan makes it in style

AFC CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

ATK Mohun Bagan thrashed Maziya S&RC 5-2 in a AFC Cup group D league match to reach the inter-zonal for the second successive occasion here on Tuesday.

Joni Kauko hit a brace while Roy Krishna, Subhasish Bose and Carl McHugh scored once each for the local giants. Tana found the net the Maldivian side.

Gokulam loses

Earlier, Bashundhara Kings downed Gokulam Kerala FC 2-1.

The results: ATK Mohun Bagan 5 (Joni Kauko 26, 37; Roy Krishna 56, Subhasish Bose 58, Carl McHugh 71) bt Maziya 2 S&RC (Tana 45, 73).

Gokulam Kerala FC 1 (Jourdain Fletcher 75) lost to Bashundhara Kings 2 (Robson Da Silva 36, Nuha Marong 54).

Karan advances

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Karan Singh beat Michell-Alexandre Fortin of Canada 6-0, 6-4 in the $25,000 ITF men's tennis fiirst round n Monastir, Tunisia, on Tuesday.

Other results: $15,000 ITF men, Oran, Algeria: First round: Reyan Ghedjemis (Alg) bt Jagmeet Singh 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF women, Tbilisi, Georgia: First round: Zeel Desai bt Anastassia Ponomariova (Geo) 6-0, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: First round: Helenna Narmont (Est) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-2, 1-6, 6-2; Milana Zhabrailova bt Kaaviya Balasubramanian 6-2, 6-0.

Abhijeet Gupta takes sole lead

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Abhijeet Gupta won the top-board battle against fellow leader Misratbin Iskandarov in 34 moves to become the only player with a 'perfect' score after four rounds of Sharjah Masters chess tournament in Sharjah, on Tuesday.

The results (involving Indians): Fourth round: Abhijeet Gupta (4) bt Misratbin Iskandarov (Aze, 3); Gabriel Sargissian (Arm, 2.5) drew with Raunak Sadhwani (2.5).

Arjun Erigaisi (2.5) drew with Surya Shekhar Ganguly (2.5); Pavel Ponkratov (FIDE, 2.5) drew with S. L. Narayanan (2.5); Nodirbek Abdusattarov (Uzb, 3) bt Aryan Chopra (2); Aleksandar Indjic (Ser, 2.5) drew with D. Gukesh (2.5).

Aravindh Chithambaram (2) lost to Haik Martirosyan (Arm, 3); S. P. Sethuraman (2.5) drew with Shant Sargsyan (Arm, 2.5); B. Adhiban (2.5) bt Sankalp Gupta (1.5).

Meruert Kamildenova (Kaz, 1.5) lost to Abhimanyu Puranik (2.5); Nihal Sarin (1.5) drew with Mamikon Gharibyan (Arm, 1.5); Omran Al Hosani (UAE, 1) lost to Aditya Mittal (1.5).

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Boxers and archers felicitated

Nikhat aims to become an Olympic champion in Paris

Recognition: Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur with the Archery World Cup medallists. *Right:* Women's World boxing championships medallists were also feted. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Returning as only the fifth Indian woman boxer to win a World Championship gold, Nikhat Zareen was expectedly the star of the day as the Boxing Federation of India and the Sports Authority of India felicitated the medallists from the 12th edition of the competition here on Tuesday.

Besides Nikhat in the 52kg, Manisha Moun (57kg) and Parveen Hooda (63kg) had won bronze at the event in Istanbul last week.

India finished third at the World Championships with 23 points after Turkey (48 points) and Ireland (23).

"I promise I will keep working hard and make my country proud in future also. I have become world champion now and, Inshallah, I will be standing in front of you in 2024 as the Olympic champion," Nikhat said.

That might be some distance away, though. Nikhat's weight category is a non-Olympic one and she will have to move either up or down two kilograms to aspire for an Olympic medal.

While a decision is yet to be taken, Nikhat herself is keen on moving down to 50kg.

Indian archers who won at the recent World Cup Stage II in Korea were also felicitated on the occasion. The archers, who were delayed in flight, had come directly from the airport and were tired but managed to sport a smile and even express satisfaction at the Indian team's performance in Gwangju.

India won five medals at the event including a gold and silver each and three bronze.

The men's compound team won gold with the trio of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini defeating France in a repeat of their final in Stage I.

India suffers big loss to Japan

ASIA CUP HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAKARTA

A new-look Indian team paid for its inexperience and profligacy with Asian champion Japan soundly thrashing them 5-2 in a Group-A league match of the men's Asia Cup hockey championship on Tuesday.

Having drawn against Pakistan in the opening game, India's chances after this defeat will be badly dented as even a big win against Indonesia in the last game might not be enough for qualification to the knockout stages.

Ken Nagayoshi, Kosei Kawabe (twice), Ryomi Ooka and Koji Yamasaki scored for Japan, while Pawan Rajbhar and Uttam Singh found the target for the Indians.

The results: India 2 (Pawan Rajbhar 45, Uttam Singh 50) lost to Japan 5 (Ken Nagayoshi 24, Kosei Kawabe 40 & 55, Ryomi Ooka 48 and Koji Yamasaki 54).

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18, Voot Select, MTV, Vh1 & Jio TV, 6.30 a.m.
Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, day 3, FanCode, 9.30 a.m.
Roland Garros 2022: Sony Ten 2 & Sony Ten 3 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1.30 p.m. onwards
IPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Europa Conference League: (final), Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

IN BRIEF

Tatum excels as Celtics square series

BOSTON

Jayson Tatum scored 31 points as Boston Celtics thrashed Miami Heat 102-82 to level their NBA Eastern Conference finals series 2-2 on Monday. Tatum also finished with eight rebounds and five assists, with support coming from Payton Pritchard (14 points) and Derrick White (13). AFP

Odisha enters quarterfinals

JR HOCKEY

SPORTS BUREAU

Odisha qualified for the quarterfinals from Group C, with a 5-1 victory over Dadra & Nagar & Daman & Diu, in the 12th Hockey India-National junior men's championship in Kovilpatti on Tuesday.

The other quarterfinalists are U.P., Chandigarh, Haryana, Arunachal, Punjab, Jharkhand, and Karnataka.

The results: Group C: Odisha 5 (Roshan Jeet Minz 2, Laban Lugun, Sumit Kindo, Deepak Minz) bt Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu 1 (Niyaren Chamiya).

D: Haryana 14 (Vikas 7, Shubham 3, Toshant 2, Anil, Deepak) bt Tripura 0; Manipur 5 (Yumkham Bidyananda Singh 2, Sushil Lisham, Rishi, Laishram Kirun Meitei) bt Kerala 1 (Abi Vincent).

F: Punjab w/o Mizoram.

Earlier result: F: Maharashtra 9 (Dhairyashil Jadhav 3, Aditya Lalage 2, Govind Nag, Sagar Shingade, Ajay Naidu, Tushar Raju Durga) bt AP 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Panthers CA cruises against Coolulu CA

Panthers CA whipped Coolulu CA in the under-12 section of the Save Water Cup, at Gopalan Sports Academy here.

The scores: Coolulu CA 152/5 in 20.0 overs (Bryan Thomas 43, Milind Akash 28, Prajwal Patil 3/15) lost to Panthers CA 154 for no loss in 17.2 overs (R. Pavandeep 78 n.o., Siddharth Ram 61 n.o.).

Dheemanth stars in BEML (2)'s win

B. Dheemanth (81) powered BEML (2) past Karnataka Government Secretariat in the KSCA Group II, Division II league here.

The scores: Infosys CC 78/3 in 9 overs (H.S. Ajay 26) bt Bangalore Division 5A (SWR) 32/5 in 5.0 overs (Target revised to 44 in five overs due to delayed start and rain).

BEML (2) 127/6 in 14 overs (Vishnu Priyan 29, B. Dheemanth 81, Harsha Maiya 3/28, V. Prithvi 3/15) bt Karnataka Government Secretariat 106/8 in 14 overs (V. Prithvi 34, B. Mayur 25 n.o.) (overs reduced due to rain).

LRDE 77/1 in 5 overs (S. Darshan 50) bt Continental Automotive 62/2 in 5 overs (Varun Annadani 30, Adithya Rajawaj 27) (overs reduced due to rain).

BEML Rail Coach 182/5 in 20 overs (Aditya Mani 53, T. Sandeep 72, Likith Krishna 33 n.o., Jayantha 3/38) bt VISL 176/8 in 20 overs (Abu, Gagan 70).

BEML Recreation Club 120/8 in 18 overs (Aman Raj 54, Apsar Pasha 3/14) bt Hutti Gold Mines 71/9 in 18 overs (Adarsh Prakash 4/15) (overs reduced due to rain).

Easy going for South Indian FC

South Indian FC defeated Vehicles FC 3-0 in the BDFA 'B' division football league here on Tuesday.

The results: 'B' Division: South Indian FC 3 (Bahadur Thapa 11, Yeshwanth-og 56, Srikanth 70) bt Vehicles FC 0; Sree Gajanana FC 1 (B. Gobinath 55) bt Md. Sporting FC 0; DYES FC 6 (Madhan 7, Dileep 34, Cyril Jones 60, Bharath Gowda 64, Salman Ahamed-og 69, Ajay Shankar 70) bt RS Sports 1 (Shivakumar 70)

'C' division: Semifinals: Bangalore City FC 2 (Johnathan Piers 28, 46) bt Bangalore Wanderers FC 0.

OVEP launched in Odisha

CM Patnaik, Olympian Bindra & IOC's Nita Ambani attend

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched in Odisha by the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, in collaboration with the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT) on Tuesday.

In a virtual launch, which also had the IOA president Narinder Batra, IOC member Nita Ambani, Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra, ministers and officials of Odisha, apart from officials of IOC, the Odisha Chief Minister stated that sports was an important part of the vision for education and personality development.

New venture: The Olympic Values Education Programme launch by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Abhinav Bindra via video conference. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Values based

It will be a values-based curriculum, to be implemented initially in 90 schools of Rourkela and Bhubaneswar, catering to about 32,000 children.

"We have always strived to achieve excellence in education as well as sports," said the Odisha chief minister, happy to integrate both in the curriculum.

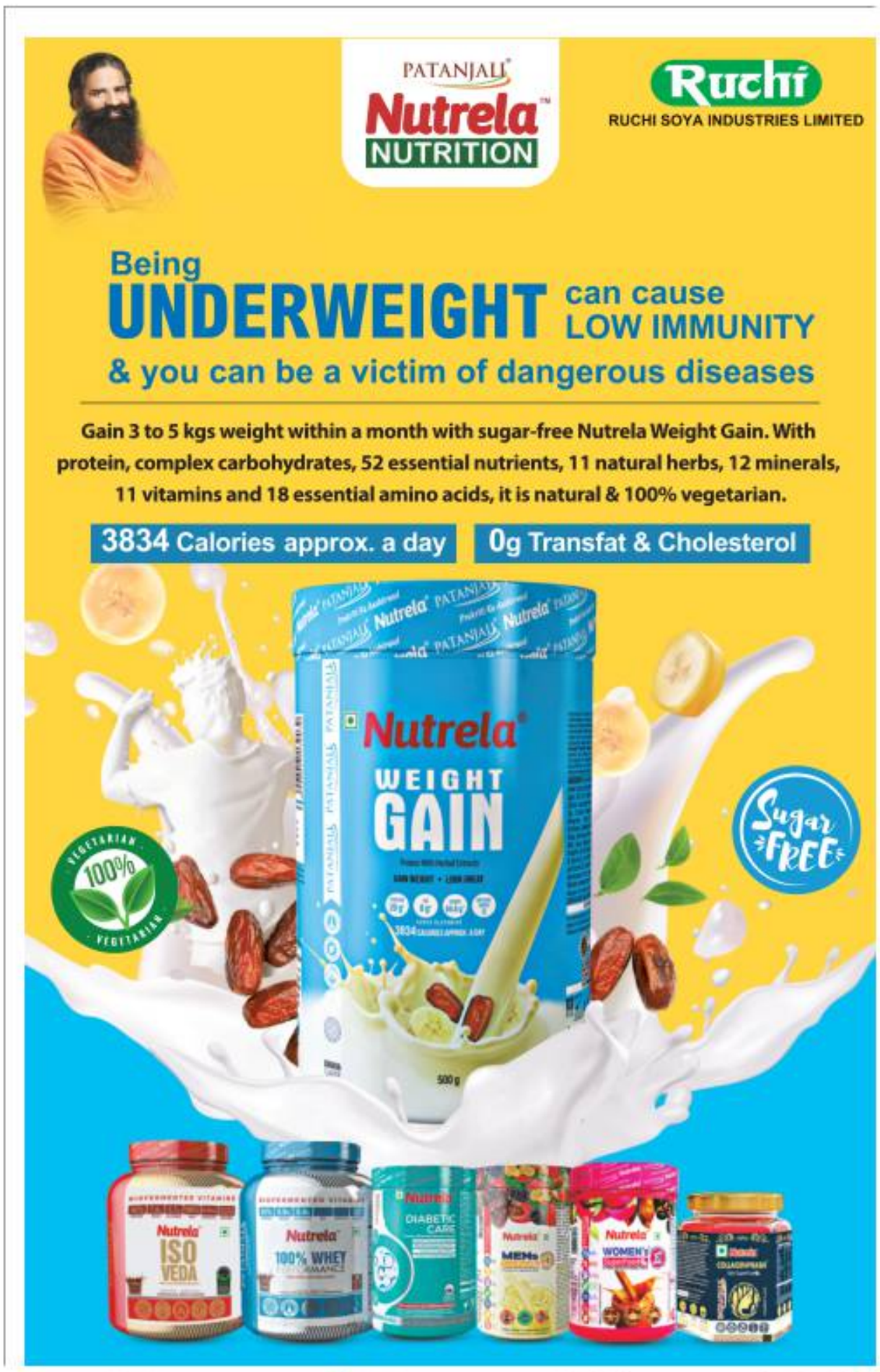
"The practical implementation of Olympic values is the way forward. In future, we will have better citizens than us," said Abhinav Bindra at the launch.

The IOC Education Commission Chair, Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski recalled that the OVEP was developed in 2006.

The IOA president Narinder Batra congratulated Odisha for taking the lead in blending Olympic values into the school curriculum.

"Only a small number of children in the world may become Olympians. But every child can be touched by the power of the Olympic movement. That is the mission of OVEP, and makes it a huge opportunity for India," said Nita Ambani.

The OVEP aims to address the challenges of sedentary lifestyles, lack of concentration and adolescents dropping out of school.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